



## **Daniel Küffer**

saxophones  
bass clarinet  
composer

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Daniel Küffer was born on 12. August 1966 in Langenthal, Switzerland, into a family dedicated to music. His parents were active in the brass band movement of the area, his sister Regula Küffer is a well-known classical flute player, and his elder brother Thomas dedicates his talents to first-class "Roots Rock". Daniel studied first classical clarinet with Julian Trieb and made his degree in Music at the Swiss Jazz School (Berne) and graduated in 1993 with honours ("mit Auszeichnung"). Daniel Küffer soon gained a reputation as one of the most versatile players around, with a mature sound on both the tenor and soprano saxophones, and an exceptional soloing talent. Making use of techniques from within the jazz tradition he soon conceived of a variety of unconventional projects where he was able to focus both his creative and imaginative performing and composing skills. Whether appearing with his own Jazz quartet (four musicians originating from four different European countries), or working on numerous session projects, Daniel very quickly established himself as a new and original force on the European jazz scene. Daniel Küffer has earned great reviews with his first major project in Jazz: a trilogy of individual CDs which he scheduled for release during the period 1995 - 1997. The next CD release "Playing Elvis" transformed a number of "The King's" all-time classics into new Jazz standards. Emotional, energetic and soulful playing, combined with state of the art recording techniques made this jazz CD a successful cross-over release popular with both the Jazz scene and the general CD-buying public. In 1997, readers of JAZZ magazine voted Daniel Küffer, "Best Tenor Saxophonist Of The Year". Besides his work with the Jazz Quartet, Daniel Küffer is well known for his collaborations with interesting duo partners. Projects with Asita Hamidi (CH, harp) or Mark Soskin (USA, piano) show his qualities as soloist and his impressive sound culture both on saxophone and clarinets. Further projects with the London based DJ Ben Allen (Stereodogs) and his composing work for ballet performances such as "Sweet dreaming" by Swiss choreographer Oliver Dähler represent his broad interest in music and the true capabilities as a musician and author. Daniel Küffer is

also member of the new quartet line up of the harp player Andreas Vollenweider. Other current project are a joint effort with the "Soweto String Quartet" from South Africa, a live band for a upcoming late night show on Swiss national television, the work for a multi-national saxophone orchestra (Sax&Co) and a new release with his Jazz quartet scheduled in late 2005. Composer, arranger and performer, Daniel Küffer enjoys wide recognition as an artist who is dedicated to creating emotional and sensitive music within the context of a precise rhythmic and melodic framework.

## Current projects

Andreas Vollenweider and Friends  
Daniel Küffer Quartet  
ZusammenSpiel  
taufrisch

## Discography:

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Daniel Küffer Quartet	If we were close	2006
Andreas Vollenweider and Friends	Midnight Clear	2006
Andreas Vollenweider and Friends	storyteller (DVD)	2005
Andreas Vollenweider and Friends	VOX	2004
Wohin mit dem Wunder		2002
Daniel Küffer Quartet	Live!	2001
Daniel Küffer Quartet	Playing Elvis	1999
DoubleDan	Prelude	1999
Daniel Küffer Quartet	le bal des singes	1997
Daniel Küffer Quartet	CITY BOYS!	1996
Daniel Küffer Quartet	It's a Jam in town	1995

Further projects with: Gölä III, Florian Ast, Takito Band, Irrwisch, Amber, Kick the Habit, Picason, Urs Wiesendanger, David Plüss, Gregory Wachter, Yvonne Moore...

Up to now, Daniel Küffer has performed on more than 110 CDs and various other studio productions for commercials, movie soundtracks and theatre. As a member of the Takito Band on the national TV station SF DRS1 from 1997 - 1999, Daniel Küffer featured guest artists such as: Delmar Brown, Garland Jeffreys, Candy Dulfer, Scatman John, Bill Moss, Johnny Logan, Vera Kaa, Sina, Marco Masini, The Sultans, David Hasselhoff, Johathan Butler, Allure, Gotthard, Nena, Emel, Jule Neigel.

Daniel Küffer is endorsed by the French saxophone manufacturer SELMER and plays VANDOREN reeds.