

## **Omer Klein**

Omer Klein was born 1982 in Israel, and began playing and composing music at the age of seven. As a teenager, Klein studied Jazz at the famous Thelma Yellin High School of the Arts, and started playing concerts at age sixteen. In 2005, Klein moved to the US, where he attended the prestigious New England Conservatory. Klein's private teacher at NEC was the Grammy-winning pianist Danilo Perez. Klein later moved to New York, where he played at the Blue Note and Carnegie Hall, among other venues. He has released four CDs to great acclaim: Duet (2007), Introducing Omer Klein (2008), the solo piano album Heart Beats (2009), and Rockets on the Balcony (2010), his first release on John Zorn's celebrated record label, Tzadik. Klein has performed in more than fifteen countries and has collaborated with many renowned artists. He is the winner of numerous awards, including the 1st prize at the Jazz Hoelaart International Competition in Belgium. In 2011, Klein wrote the music for the play "Lemon Tree" at the Schauspielhaus Theater in Düsseldorf. At this time, Omer Klein resides in Germany and just recorded his new album in New York with his trio, which will be released in fall 2012.

"That Klein has technique to burn is obvious. That he deeply feels what he's writing, comes through even during a composition as rueful as the title track. He's pushing envelopes ethnic and musical here. Stretch your ears to meet Omer Klein." - JAZZ TIMES

"The Israeli pianist Omer Klein works in a modern-jazz mode, brisk and borderless, and yet his music vibrates with cultural specificity, projecting a sense of place."

- THE NEW YORK TIMES (full article: [New York Times - Omer Klein Review](#))

"Omer Klein pushes mainstream-jazz concepts into the future" - TIME OUT NEW YORK

"Klein has the potential to achieve something much rarer for a jazz musician: popularity. What he plays is exotic yet accessible and makes you feel fully alive." - JAZZ TIMES

"There is little doubt that Klein will emerge as a unique and recognizable voice in the coming years." - ALL ABOUT JAZZ

## **DISCOGRAPY**

"Rockets on the Balcony" (Tzadik / 2010)

"Heartbeats" (Smalls Records / 2009)

"Introducing: Omer Klein" (Smalls Records / 2008)

"Duets" (Fresh Sound Records / 2007)

[www.omerklein.com](http://www.omerklein.com)

## **PODCAST**

Live at "Duc Des Lombards" in Paris (September 2011)

Part 1 <http://itunes.apple.com/de/podcast//id347577805?i=97074390>

Part 2 <http://itunes.apple.com/de/podcast//id347577805?i=97074391>