



Sebastiaan Kemner - Trombone

Sebastiaan Kemner (1990) completed his studies in 2015 with Jörgen van Rijen, Pierre Volders, Remko de Jager and Ben van Dijk with the highest distinction. Between 2012 and 2014 Sebastiaan was also part of the prestigious Herbert von Karajan Akademie der Berliner Philharmoniker, a two year internship with the famous Berlin orchestra. Since 2015 he is teaching at the Conservatory of Amsterdam.

Sebastiaan won prizes at many national and international competitions. In 2010 he was elected Dutch Young Musician of the Year by an international jury. In 2013 Sebastiaan won the Aeolus International Competition for Wind Instruments in Düsseldorf, one of the most important competitions for his instrument. During the International Trombone Festival in New York he won both the first prize with the Thein Brothers Quartet, and the individual Frank Smith Tenor Trombone Competition.

As a soloist Sebastiaan regularly performs in recitals on all main stages in The Netherlands and with orchestras from both his home country and abroad. He also made many concert tours through Europe, China and the US. In the summer of 2015 Sebastiaan became Artist in Residence of the annual NJO Muziekzomer of the Dutch National Youth Orchestra.

Sebastiaan is always looking for expansion of the repertoire and creating exciting programmes. He played numerous world premieres already, amongst others of solo concertos written by Mike Svoboda and Milika Kishino. Successful Dutch composers Theo Verbey and Martijn Padding both decided to write a work for Sebastiaan and his duo partner, pianist Andrea Vasi.

In 2012 he became the newest member of the New Trombone Collective, a very active ensemble which organises many concerts, tours, recordings and the very successful biennial European trombone festival Slide Factory.

Sebastiaan often plays on an incidental basis in orchestras and ensembles such as the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, the Royal Concertgebouw Orchestra, the Lucerne Festival Orchestra, the WDR Sinfonieorchester Köln, the Dutch Radio Philharmonic Orchestra, the Rotterdam Philharmonic Orchestra, the Malaysian Philharmonic Orchestra and the Berlin Philharmonic Brass Ensemble.