

A B O U T

Sonja Agata Biscan is a Polish Croatian singer/ songwriter and multi- instrumentalist. She graduated in flute from musical high school in 2011, and has been studying solo voice since 2010. Sonja had performed at many festivals in Croatia and abroad, e.g. Imagine Festival in Romania, Nišville Jazz Festival and Kantfest in Serbia, Concert of the Laureates in Poland, THISSFest in Holland etc. She won numerous awards for her music.

In 2012, at Sonar Contest, Sonja was selected one of the best young performers and songwriters in Croatia by renowned Croatian producers and the *Croatian Composers Society*. In result, her first single For A Moment was released in November 2013.

She has taken part in several international workshops and music colloquia such as, the International Youth Orchestra in Germany, International Youth Chamber Choir in Slovenia, 'Ethno Sweden' and jazz courses in Norway, Serbia and Bosnia and Herzegovina.

She also attended workshops in Zagreb with acclaimed jazz musicians such as, the *Grammy Award winning* Luis Bonilla, Jim Rotondi, Sigi Feigl, Renato Chicco; singer and teacher of the Alexander Technique, Geórgia Moleró Dias, performer and drama teacher Alessio Castellacci etc.

In 2014, she toured 15 states of USA, Kenya and several European countries for 6 months with an international vocal quartet Singers of United Lands (SOUL). The quartet performed for and held workshops for audiences consisting of people of all ages, nationalities and cultural backgrounds.

As of October 2014, Sonja has been in three residencies as the singer pianist in luxury hotels in The Middle East (Doha, Qatar and Dubai, UAE).





SONJA AGATA BIŠĆAN
Singer Pianist Flutist



EDUCATION

Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands **Sep 2019 – Jul 2020**
Master of Laws (LL.M.) in Public International Law with a specialization in Human Rights

Utrecht University, Utrecht, The Netherlands **Sep 2019 – Aug 2020**
Master of Arts (M.A.) in Musicology

The Hague University of Applied Sciences (THUAS), The Hague, The Netherlands **Sep 2015 – Jul 2019**
Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) in International & European Law (cum laude: 8.23/10)

Southwestern Law School, Los Angeles, USA **Aug 2017 - Dec 2017**
LL.B. Exchange

- *Courses:* Entertainment Law, Int'l Entertainment Law, Entertainment Business Affairs Negotiations, Copyright, Music Industry Contracts, Music in Film & TV, Mass Media Law

The Grażyna & Kiejstut Bacewicz Academy of Music in Łódź, Poland **Oct 2015 - Jul 2017**
Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) studies in Vocal Performance



MUSIC EXPERIENCE:

Freelance Musician	2011 - ...
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performer, and Music Teacher of Music Theory, Classical Harmony, Voice, Flute, Piano 	
Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam	2018; 2019
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist in a hotel 	
Silversea Cruises, Silver Wind, Caribbean/ Mediterranean	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist on a cruise ship 	
Kimpton Everly Hotel, Hollywood, Los Angeles, USA	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist in a hotel 	
The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai, UAE	2016; 2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist in a hotel 	
The St. Regis, Doha, Qatar	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist in a hotel 	
Complaints Choir, Zagreb, Croatia	2015
Choir Conductor	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acted as the conductor and facilitator of the complaints choir of immigrants, refugees and volunteers of the Center for Peace Studies in Croatia. My role also included facilitating the participants' songwriting process in creating a song, which would address the everyday difficulties that refugees in Croatia were facing at the time 	
Radisson Blu, Doha, Qatar	2014; 2015
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Singer Pianist in a hotel, and Christmas Choir Conductor 	
Singers Of United Lands, USA, Kenya, Europe	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soprano/ Conductor/ Educator/ Workshop facilitator • Represented Europe/ Croatia in the international vocal quartet Singers Of United Lands throughout a 6 - months tour in 15 states of USA, Kenya and Europe 	
Ziher.hr	2013
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music Reporter for Ziher.hr (Croatian media and news portal with a focus on culture and art) 	

SELECTION OF PERFORMANCE-RELATED WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concerto Master Class by celebrity violinist Aloysia Friedmann and celebrity pianist John Kimura Parker in HCMC, Vietnam 	2018
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Music in Film & TV class with a Hollywood film composer Aaron Zigman in Los Angeles, California 	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • casting master class by an Emmy Award- nominated casting director Nancy Bishop in Amsterdam, The Netherlands 	2017
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • musical theatre workshop with a Broadway actor Hayden Tee (Javert from Les Miserables) in Abu Dhabi, UAE 	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • "Master Modeling Workshop" with a fashion photographer Ana Shortspin in Dubai, UAE 	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • acting classes by Theodora Voutsas in Amsterdam, The Netherlands 	2016
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • numerous music workshops by various artists during the S.O.U.L. tour in USA, Kenya and Europe 	2014
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Xth Sense - a biophysical musical instrument workshop with Marco Donnarumma in Zagreb, Croatia 	2013

- Jazz Fest Sarajevo- Music Meeting in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina **2013**
- represented Croatia at Ethno Sweden; performed at Skansen, Stockholm, Sweden **2013**
- jazz workshop with the Grammy Award- winning trombonist and composer Luis Bonilla in Zagreb **2013**
- drama workshop by Mario Kovač, in Zagreb, Croatia **2013**
- improvisation workshop with Alessio Castellacci- Sounding Bodies- Moving Voices in Zagreb **2012**
- jazz course at Nišville Jazz Festival in Niš, Serbia **2012**
- jazz course in Søgne, Norway (Sommerkurs i jazzimprovisasjon) with inter alia acclaimed jazz vocalist Torun Eriksen **2012**
- composition workshop with Olja Dešić and Kornelije Kovač at Vocal Marathon in Rijeka, Croatia **2012**
- stand-up comedy classes by Marina Orsag in Zagreb, Croatia **2011-2012**
- improvisation comedy classes by Andrej Težak Tešky in Zagreb, Croatia **2011-2012**
- „Alexander Technique“ workshop with Georgia Molero Dias in Zagreb, Croatia **2011**
- jazz workshop with Sigi Feigl, Jim Rotondi and Renato Chicco in Zagreb, Croatia **2011**
- international youth choir in Slovenia (conductor prof. Martina Batič) **2011**
- international youth orchestra in Lüchow, Germany (conductor dr. Matthew Spieker) **2011**

SELECTION OF MUSIC AWARDS, ACHIEVEMENTS & PUBLICATIONS

- wrote, recorded and released an original song '**Trebam Te**' (released by *Croatia Records*) **2016**
- won the **Audience Award**, Second Prize at 'Kantfest' in Belgrade, Serbia **2015**
- won the **First Prize** for the best performance at '*Bonofest*' in Vukovar, Croatia **2015**
- won the **Best Music Prize** at '*Svjetlost dolazi*' at the Croatian National Theatre in Zadar (Croatia) **2015**
- won the **Jury's Prize** at '*Svjetlost dolazi*' in Croatian National Theatre in Zadar (Croatia) **2013**
- won Sonar contest; named one of the three **best young performers and songwriters** in Croatia **2012**
by renowned Croatian producers Miro Buljan, Nikša Bratoš and Ante Pecotić; the audience;
and Croatian Composers' Society
- one of the **laureates** of Imagine Festival Croatia; awarded publishing a single by Aquarius Records; **2010**
and a performance at Imagine Festival Romania in Sibiu, Romania in 2011

OTHER SKILLS AND COMPETENCIES

IT: MS Office; Wordpress; variety of video, photography and music editing software

Communication skills: excellent communication skills gained through my experience as an educator, workshop facilitator, performer, and conductor working with groups of up to 200 people

Organizational skills: very good organizational skills gained through participation in school projects, and working experience in Rotaract Zagreb Centar, where I organized several fundraising events alongside the remaining members of the club

Interests: Human rights, Transitional justice, Music, Photography, Film, Videography, Comedy, Writing, Swimming, Running

LANGUAGES

- **Croatian:** Mother tongue; **Polish:** Mother tongue; **English:** Fluent [TOEFL iBT: 111 (Nov 2018)]
Spanish: Basic; **Russian:** Basic; **Arabic:** Basic