ABOUT

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.

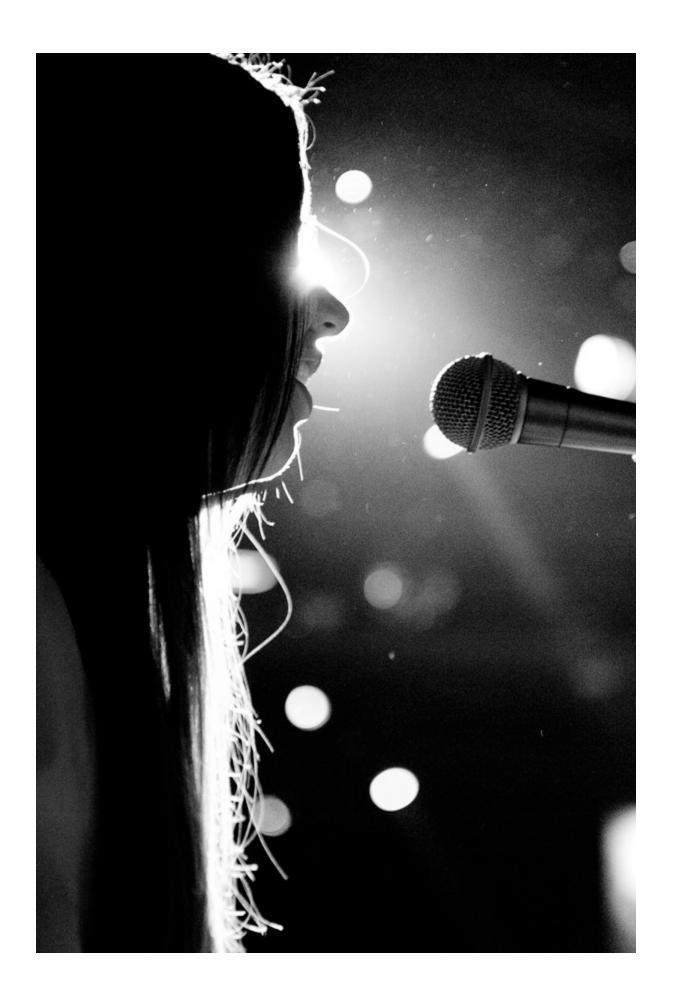
In 2012, at Sonar Contest, Sonja was selected one of the best young performers and songwriters in Croatia by renowned Croatian producers and the *Croatian Composers Society*. In result, her first single For A Moment was released in November 2013.

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

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

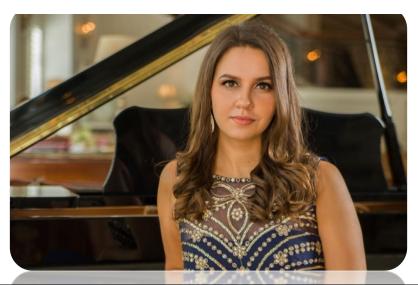
In 2014, she toured 15 states of <u>USA</u>, <u>Kenya</u> and several <u>European</u> countries for 6 months with an international vocal quartet <u>Singers of United Lands</u> (SOUL). The quartet performed for and held workshops for audiences consisting of people of all ages, nationalities and cultural 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 Master of Arts (M.A.) in Musicology Sep 2019 - Aug 2020

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 LL.B. Exchange

Aug 2017 - Dec 2017

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 Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) studies in Vocal Performance

Oct 2015 - Jul 2017







MUSIC EXPERIENCE:

Freelance Musician 2011 - ...

Performer, and Music Teacher of Music Theory, Classical Harmony, Voice, Flute, Piano

Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam

2018; 2019

Singer Pianist in a hotel

Silversea Cruises, Silver Wind, Caribbean/ Mediterranean

2018

Singer Pianist on a cruise ship

Kimpton Everly Hotel, Hollywood, Los Angeles, USA

2017

Singer Pianist in a hotel

The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai, UAE

2016; 2017

• Singer Pianist in a hotel

The St. Regis, Doha, Qatar

2016

• Singer Pianist in a hotel

Complaints Choir, Zagreb, Croatia

2015

Choir Conductor

 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

Singer Pianist in a hotel, and Christmas Choir Conductor

Singers Of United Lands, USA, Kenya, Europe

2014

- 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

Music Reporter for Ziher.hr (Croatian media and news portal with a focus on culture and art)

SELECTION OF PERFORMANCE-RELATED WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS:

- Concerto Master Class by celebrity violinist Aloysia Friedmann and celebrity pianist John Kimura Parker in HCMC, Vietnam
- Music in Film & TV class with a Hollywood film composer Aaron Zigman in Los Angeles, California 2017
- casting master class by an Emmy Award- nominated casting director Nancy Bishop in Amsterdam, 2017
 The Netherlands
- musical theatre workshop with a Broadway actor Hayden Tee (Javert from Les Miserables)
 in Abu Dhabi, UAE
- "Master Modeling Workshop" with a fashion photographer Ana Shortspin in Dubai, UAE

 2016
- acting classes by Theodora Voutsa in Amsterdam, The Netherlands

 2016
- numerous music workshops by various artists during the S.O.U.L. tour in USA, Kenya and Europe
- Xth Sense a biophysical musical instrument workshop with Marco Donnarumma in Zagreb, Croatia 2013

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| • | 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 | 2012 |
| | jazz vocalist Torun Eriksen | |
| • | 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 201 | 1-2012 |
| • | improvisation comedy classes by Andrej Težak Tešky in Zagreb, Croatia 201 | 1-2012 |
| • | "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 |
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| 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 |
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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

and Croatian Composers' Society

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

by renowned Croatian producers Miro Buljan, Nikša Bratoš and Ante Pecotić; the audience;

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