

## SONJA AGATA BIŠĆAN

Singer Pianist Flutist

17/07/1993, Zagreb, Croatia



### 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:**


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<b>Freelance Musician</b>	<b>2011 - ...</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Performer, and Music Teacher</b> of Music Theory, Classical Harmony, Voice, Flute, Piano</li> </ul>	
<b>Park Hyatt Saigon, Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam</b>	<b>2018; 2019</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> in a hotel</li> </ul>	
<b>Silversea Cruises, Silver Wind, Caribbean/ Mediterranean</b>	<b>2018</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> on a cruise ship</li> </ul>	
<b>Kimpton Everly Hotel, Hollywood, Los Angeles, USA</b>	<b>2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> in a hotel</li> </ul>	
<b>The Ritz-Carlton, Dubai, UAE</b>	<b>2016; 2017</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> in a hotel</li> </ul>	
<b>The St. Regis, Doha, Qatar</b>	<b>2016</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> in a hotel</li> </ul>	
<b>Complaints Choir, Zagreb, Croatia</b>	<b>2015</b>
<b>Choir Conductor</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	
<b>Radisson Blu, Doha, Qatar</b>	<b>2014; 2015</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Singer Pianist</b> in a hotel, and Christmas <b>Choir Conductor</b></li> </ul>	
<b>Singers Of United Lands, USA, Kenya, Europe</b>	<b>2014</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Soprano/ Conductor/ Educator/ Workshop facilitator</b></li> <li>• 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</li> </ul>	
<b>Ziher.hr</b>	<b>2013</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Music Reporter</b> for Ziher.hr (Croatian media and news portal with a focus on culture and art)</li> </ul>	

**SELECTION OF PERFORMANCE-RELATED WORKSHOPS & SEMINARS:**


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

- 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**

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- 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**

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**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**

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