

Biographies Stefan Prins (update 17.10.2025)

ULTRA SHORT:.....

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Together with Pieter Matthyssens, he is the artistic director of the Nadar Ensemble. Prins also regularly performs in the improvised music scene (electronics). A sought-after teacher, he has served as professor of composition and director of the *Hybrid Music Lab* at the Hochschule für Musik Carl Maria von Weber Dresden (2020-2026) and is associated professor of mixed composition at the Haute École de Musique in Genève from September 2026 onwards.

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Autumn, Ultraschall Berlin, Gaudeamus Festival, Tzlil Meudcan, Impuls Festival, HCMF, Rainy Days Festival, Transit & Ultima Festival.

He has collaborated closely with Nadar Ensemble, Klangforum Wien, Nickel Ensemble, Ensemble Mosaik, Ensemble Recherche, Ensemble Modern, Trio Accanto, Arditti Quartet, MusikFabrik, Orchestre Philharmonique de Luxembourg & BBC Scottish Symphony Orchestra, and soloists such as Yaron Deutsch, Stephane Ginsburgh, Rei Nakamura, Malgorzata Walentinowicz, Florentin Ginot, Severine Ballon & Ning Yu.

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