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Fabia Mantwill is a Berlin-based musician, composer and arranger. Drawing inspiration from both cultural and intimate space, her soulful compositions and playing are characterized through strong melody, lyricism and rhythmical elements.

Traveling through Africa, South America, Asia and Europe, Fabia's work as bandleader and composer bridges several distinct musical worlds from jazz to folk to classical.

Fabia writes music for small to large ensembles, featuring at variety of groups such as the Fabia Mantwill Orchestra, Fabia Mantwill Quintet, the international Trio Moyoni and the Duo YRJON.

Since 2017 she is studying in the Dr. Langner Jazz Master program in Hamburg, focusing on composing and arranging for Cross-Genre Ensembles and Orchestra.

Recent highlights have included tours to India, Brazil, West Africa and, in March 2016, an invitation to the prestigious **Betty Carter's Jazz Ahead Residency** with performances at **The John F. Kennedy Centre in Washington D.C.** and **The Apollo Theatre** in New York. She has been selected for the **Banff International Workshop for Jazz & Creative Music 2017** in Canada.

She was a member of the LaJazzO Brandenburg, conducted by Jiggs Whigham as well as the Youth Jazz Orchestra Saxony. In summer 2015, she was leading a two-months music program in Accra, training Ghanaian musicians and actors and performing at the Goethe Institute.

Fabia Mantwill holds a Bachelor of Jazz Music awarded by the **Jazz-Institute Berlin**. She has studied and played with jazz luminaries such as Tyshawn Sorey, Vijay Iyer, Greg Cohen, Jim Black, amongst others.



*„Beautiful ... touched my heart.“*  
**Charles Lloyd**

*„Fabia Mantwill's music encompasses the beauty of our world in a way rarely captured by contemporary musicians. Organic. Creative. Powerful. An Nurturing.“*

*Her playing, writing and spirit are cut from the same cloth. Honest, direct and soulful.“*  
**Greg Cohen**