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## **CHUCK HENDERSON** [GERMANY]

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### **BIOGRAPHY**

Charles Henderson (1955, USA) started taking saxophone lessons in the 5th grade at the elementary school. After early experiences with school bands his teacher encouraged him to visit Berklee College of Music (1975), where he studied with Billy Pierce and Ray Copeland. 1984 he switched over to soprano saxophone gaining experiences in concerts with Cecil Payne, Woddy Shaw and Junior Cook.

1989 Chuck came to Europe brought to the stage in Frankfurt, Germany, by jazz saxophonist Billy Mitchell, member of the legendary group "New York Swing All Stars" also starring musicians like Red Holloway, Doug Lucas, Lou Blackburn, Red Richards, Red Callender and Oliver Jackson. With Ernie Wilkins he settled for 11 months and 11 days in Copenhagen before going to Berlin gigging with Reggie Moore, Ralph Van Duncan, Rudy Stevenson and Walter Norris.

In October 1990 finally he moved to Munich, and in 1991 at the St. Ingbert Jazzfest he met the group Embryo, where he spent the next eight years with, playing one thousand nine hundred and twenty concerts around Europe and Japan. Through this experience he discovered his fascination with Arabic and Indian music. He played with Pandit Batacharya (India), Mustufa Rafat (Egypt), Ramadan El Coni (Egypt), Okay Temiz (Turkey), Charlie Mariano (USA), Muhammad Mounier (Egypt), Paramashiwam Piai (India), El Hussain Kili (Morocco) and Wynton Marsalis (USA).

Chuck recorded with Mal Waldron in 1994 under the Chazra Label „Black Issues“ featuring Mal Waldron on piano, Fred Braceful on drums, Raoul Walton on bass and Chuck Henderson on soprano sax. Lately he is working Steve Reid, who he met on a Embryo Mal Waldron concert in 2001. He is also doing TV commercials and movie soundtracks and privately teaching.

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### **REFERENCES**

#### **SHORTLIST OF IMPORTANT CLUBWORK**

Alfie - Ropongi Tokyo Japan  
Atomic Café - Munich  
Hit the Sky - Munich  
Quasimodo - Berlin  
Ben Webster Club - Copenhagen Denmark

#### **FESTIVALS**

Lugano Jazz-Festival  
Stockholm Jazz-Festival

#### **RELEASES**

Ibn Battuta - Indigo IO52-2 (Embryo)  
Ni Hau - Indigo 062-2 (Embryo)  
Black Issues - Chazra15161 (Leader)  
Who stole the soul - Remix Exun-2014 by Roberto Q. Ingram & Konrad Bucklers

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