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EDUCATION

Master of Jazz Drums, University of Music and Theatre Munich, Germany — **2023**

Bachelor of Music, Kyung Hee University, South Korea — **2005**

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Kurt Maas Jazz Award Competition — Second Prize — **2023**

CJ Cultural Foundation — International Full Scholarship — **2021**

Selected as a Rising Star, Jazz People Magazine — **2012**

TEACHING & PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Jazz Drum Faculty, Hanyang University, South Korea — **2016–2021**

Jazz Drum Faculty, Seoul Jazz Academy, South Korea — **2020–2021**

Jazz Drum Faculty, Paekche Institute of the Arts, South Korea — **2012–2019**

Music Director, Korean–German Jazz Exchange Program — **2022–2023**

Currently teaches at Hanyang University Graduate School of Jazz and Dankook University.

SELECTED PERFORMANCES & TOURS

2026
Brandi Disterheft Trio — Mezzrow, New York
Will Lyle Quartet — Smalls Jazz Club, New York
Jesse Davis Quartet — Smalls Jazz Club, New York
Anthony Wonsey Quartet — Smalls Jazz Club, New York
Minchan Kim Trio with Tony Lakatos — CJ Azit and Cheongnamdae Jazz Tonic Festival, South Korea
Minchan Kim Quartet — Fat Cat Jazz Club, Mongolia
Band Igeullim — Korean Festival, World Korean Week
Daeho Kim Quintet — Jarasum Jazz Festival and Gwacheon Jazz Festa, South Korea

2025
Steve Carrington Trio Infinity — International Jazz Day Festival (UNESCO), Angola; tour in Germany and Korea
Anthony Wonsey Trio — California tour
Jesse Davis Quartet — Jazz Forum, New York
Akiko Tsuruga Quartet — New Brunswick Project, New York

2024
Tony Lakatos Quartet — Müpa Concert Hall, Hungary
Jonchin Trio — Ornithology, New York
Benny Nāneck III Quartet — Mezzrow, New York
Kenny Washington Quartet — European tour
Minchan Kim Trio and Tim Armacost Quartet — tours in Korea

2023
Jesse Davis Quartet — European tour; Tony Lakatos Quartet — France tour
Gaël Horellou Quintet — Festival du Monastier; Tony Lakatos Quartet — Subotica-Palić Jazz Festival, Serbia
Ramona Horvath Quartet — Romania Jazz Festival; Fulvio Albano Quintet — Torino Jazz Festival
Valery Ponomarev Quartet — Edinburgh

2022
Don Menza Quartet — Germany tour
Jesse Davis Quartet — European tour
Martin Zenker Quartet — Brazil tour
Baptiste Herbin Trio and Sara Lazarus Quartet — France tours
Due Laghi Jazz Festival — Belondo Brothers Sextet

2021
NHK Trio — France tour
Gaël Horellou International Quartet — European tour

2020
Jesse Davis Quartet — European tour

2019	Kenny Washington Quartet — European tour So Young Hea Quartet — Singapore tour NHK Trio — Cambodia Jazz Festival
2018	Jesse Davis Quartet — European tour Laurent Maur Quartet — Conakry Jazz Festival, Africa
2017	Jesse Davis Quartet — South Korea tour Damon Brown Quartet — UK tour
2016	Jeeseok Kim Quartet — Takatsuki Jazz Festival, Japan Martin Zenker East West Quartet — Koktebel Jazz Festival Kenny Washington Quartet — South Korea tour Sara Lazarus Quartet — Cambodia Jazz Festival
2015	Jim Snidero Quartet and Jesse Davis Quartet — South Korea tours; Jesse Davis Quartet — European tour Lawrence Ku Red Groove Project — concerts in Shanghai Winterplay — concerts in Macau
2014	Damon Brown International Quartet — London Jazz Festival Jazz Korea Super Sax Project — European tour
2013	Claus Rabel Trio and Damon Brown Quintet — tours in South Korea
2012	Paul Kirby East West Jazz Quartet — Edinburgh Jazz Festival Korea Japan Jazz All Star — South Korea tour Martin Jacobsen Quartet — Giant Steppes Jazz Festival, Mongolia Jim Snidero Quartet — Jarasum International Jazz Festival
2011	Martin Jacobsen Quartet — concerts in Paris; Beijing Jazz Festival Lawrence Ku Trio — concerts in Shanghai Louise Dura Trio — Edinburgh Jazz Festival
2010	Broadway musical *Kiss Me, Kate* — South Korea tour

SELECTED DISCOGRAPHY

Jesse Davis — Soul Searchin': Live in Seoul
Chris Varga — Bunkerology
Jimin Dorothy — Swingsters
Jin Pureum — Live in Europe
Kim Jeeseok — Treasure: Live at Wacky's
Damon Brown Quintet — Han River Tales
Dalkyun Im — Friends 'n' Swing
Jin Kim — The Jazz Unit; From Fall
Hyunpill Shin — NU-STREAM
Hey Jin — Poco a Poco
So Young Heo — Good Night
Winterplay — Jazz Cookin'
Maria Kim — Those Sentimental Things
Eunjeong Hwang — The Ensemble
SE Kim — Patience; Never Lose Your Smile

LANGUAGES

Korean — **Native** English — **Fluent** Chinese — **Conversational**