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BIO

Manuel Hilleke (born 1978) is a freelance trumpeter, bandleader, composer, author and coach based in Mainz and Berlin. He works as a lecturer for trumpet/jazz trumpet and band coaching at the Peter Cornelius Conservatory in Mainz, is the leader of the European touring brass band Marshall Cooper and has been running the online tutorial platform contemporarybrassmusic.com since 2018. He is also a guest lecturer on the topics of pedagogy, self-management, band & ensemble management and personal development at various music academies as well as at conferences and congresses. As an arranger, he specializes in reinterpreting songs for instrumental ensembles. His compositions for larger ensembles such as brass band or orchestra are characterized above all by the combination of groove and film music elements.

Influences

Quincy Jones, Miles Davis, Ennio Morricone, Bill Conti, John Barry, Jerry Goldsmith, John Williams, numerous soundtracks, the great rock bands and the cinematic pop culture of the 20th century.

Collaborations

ZDF, HR, VOX, SWR, Deutschlandradio Kultur, HR-Big Band, Mardi Gras BB, Staatstheater Mainz, Staatstheater Wiesbaden, Staatstheater Darmstadt, Neue Philharmonie Frankfurt, Ruhrfestspiele Recklinghausen, Hochschule für Musik Basel, Ruhr-Universität-Bochum, Hochschule für Musik Würzburg, HFM Carl Maria von Weber Dresden, Archiv der Zukunft, u.v.m.

Degrees

- 2021 Resilience Coach Stillachhaus Campus Academy in cooperation with the Ruhr University Bochum
- 2007 Graduate musician in jazz and popular music (trumpet major) HFM Mainz
- 2007 Graduate music teacher in jazz and popular music HFM Mainz
- 2003 Graduate music teacher trumpet (main subject trumpet) HFM



Publications

- Marshall Cooper, All American Trash Tribute LP (2011), Bootleg
- Marshall Cooper, Dirt Road Candy EP (2012), Rosenklang Records
- Marshall Cooper, The 80s EP (2012), Bootleg
- Magnus Pale feat. MINU, What Can You Bring? Single (2013), Digital Release
- Bourbon Street Orchestra, High On The Ground EP (2014), Bootleg
- Marshall Cooper, Backseat Lover LP (2015), Herzog Records
- Bourbon Street Orchestra, Live in der Alten Schmelze EP (2016), Bootleg
- Marshall Cooper, Live, Fast, Rough & Dirty EP (2017), Herzog Records
- Marshall Cooper, Deep Dive EP (2019), Digital Release
- Der kleine Achill, Short Film (Composer) (2019)
- Marshall Cooper, Game of Thrones Theme, Single (2019), Digital Release
- Planeta Trompeta, Trinity EP (2019), Digital Release
- Groove Trumpet, Universal Edition Wien (2018)
- Marshall Cooper, Chorale for a Friend, Single (2021), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Sweet & Sour, Single (2021), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Run for your money, Single (2021), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Deep Dive LIVE im HR, Single (2021), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Underdog LIVE im HR, Single (2022), Digital Release



Publications

- Planeta Trompeta, The Good, the Bad & the Ugly EP (2022), Digital Release
- Grand Fantasy Fanfare for Orchestra, (2023), Digital Release
- Highland Call for Orchestra, (2023), Digital Release
- Wink of Confidence (March for Orchestra) (2023), Digital Release
- Serenity of Sadness (for String Orchestra) (2023), Digital Release
- Way Back Home feat. Katharina Münz (for Vocals & Orchestra) (2023), Digital Release
- Victory Fanfare for Orchestra) (2024), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Something New, Single (2024), Digital Release || Marshall Cooper, High and Low, Single (2024), Digital Release
- Marshall Cooper, Can't do it, Single (2024), Digital Release
- Grand Opening Fanfare (for large Brass Ensemble), Martin Schmid Blechbläsernoten (2024)
- Auld Lang Syne (for large Brass Ensemble), Martin Schmid Blechbläsernoten (2024)
- Fragments (for Brass Quintett), Martin Schmid Blechbläsernoten (2024)
- Banner Call (for large Brass Ensemble), Martin Schmid Blechbläsernoten (2024)
- Virtuoso Christmas Duets for Trumpet, Adavance Verlag (2024)
- Autor: „Hillekes Snacks“ Kolumne in der SONIC zu Musikpädagogik- und Coachingthemen seit 2021
- Author: “Hillekes Snacks” column in SONIC on music education and coaching topics since 2021
- Hillekes Podcast
- Mind & Music
- The great Beyond (A cosmic fantasy for Orchestra) (01/2025), Digital Release
- Run! (for large Orchestra) (02/2025), Digital Release
- Paradise Valley (for large Orchestra) (03/2025), Digital Release