

## Biography Julie Helgeland Davidsen

Julie Helgeland Davidsen, born 10.12.1995, is raised in Drammen, Norway, and started her flute career at Drammen Cultural School. She has been playing the flute since the age of 4. When Julie was 11, she was accepted to the Talent Programs «Young Talents» at Barratt Due Music Institution and «The Talent Development Program» at the Norwegian Academy of Music.



In 2014 she started her Bachelor Degree at the Norwegian Academy of Music, and continued in 2018 with a Master Degree, also at the Norwegian Academy of Music. Spring and summer 2019 (March-July), during her last year of Master, she traveled to Munich for an Erasmus exchange at Hochschule für Musik und Theater München. In September 2020 she started her studies «Certificate of Performance» at Musik und Kunst Privatuniversität der Stadt Wien.

During her career, Julie has won many national and international prizes and awards; in 2021 she won «the Jury's Special Prize» in the International Classical Music Competition of Vienna Classical Music Academy, in 2021 and 2019 she won 1st prize in «Stockholm International Music Competition» and in 2020 she won 1st Prize in «The North International Music Competition». Julie has appeared as a soloist with many different orchestras and wind bands, both European, national, regional and local. In 2015, she performed as a soloist with the European youth symphony orchestra BISYOC on their tour in Norway.

She has so far played concert in these countries: Norway, Sweden, Denmark, England, Malta, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Taiwan, Germany and Austria. Julie has performed at these festivals and concert series; «Kvinnelige Spor i Musikkhistorien Galleri Athene», «Gutvik Ukentlig», «Halvorsen Musikkfest», «Oslo Operafestival» og «Sildajazz Haugesund».

She is also approved as a flute substitute in different symphony orchestras and wind orchestras in Norway, such as; The Opera Orchestra of the Norwegian Opera and Ballet, The Navy Band of the Norwegian Armed Forces Bergen (Sjøforsvaret), The Marine Band of the Norwegian Armed Sea Forces Horten (Marinemusikken), and the Wind Band of the Norwegian Armed Air Force. She has also played with the Staff Band of the Norwegian Armed Forces.

Julie has a duo called Duo Fluance together with the dancer Oda Nedberg Helberg. In 2021 they launched their own art festival, «Drammen Arts Festival», in their hometown in Norway, and will be arranging the festival for the first time in october 2022. For the opening concert she will only be playing her own compositions and comission works by other composers written especially for her based on her own poems. Julie's goal is to record a CD only with music written for her inspired by her own poetry.