

BEATA LABIKOVA

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EDUCATION

- **Humber College.** Full-time non-degree study with focus on jazz improvisation, creative music and woodwind doubling. Toronto, ON. 2014-2016.
- **York University.** Specialist Honours BFA in Music, graduating *Magna Cum Laude*. Focus on contemporary improvisation, jazz performance and South-Indian music. Recipient of *Oscar Peterson Scholarship for Excellence in Jazz Performance* and the *Saint Thyagaraja Music Award* for Achievements in Indian Classical Music. Toronto, ON. 2008-2013
- **Music Conservatory of Ludovit Rajter.** Graduated with diplomas in saxophone, piano and voice. Focus on classical technique and repertoire. Bratislava, Slovakia. 1996-2007.

PERFORMANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- **Two Marimbas, Two Flutes and Drums.** Founder. A project featuring Slovak and Canadian improvisors. Performance highlights include headlining the 416 Creative Music Festival 2017 in Toronto.
- **Rhinoceros Saxophone Quartet.** Co-founder. A new music ensemble, performing all original pieces by the members. Performance highlights include Somewhere There Festival 2017. 2015-present.
- **Wow & Flutter.** Co-founder. An improvising trio exploring soundscapes and improvisation through fujara (Slovak folk overtone flute), Sho (Japanese mouth organ), electronics and saxophones. 2017-present.
- **Track Could Bend.** Performed an electronic solo set of all original pieces at this monthly performance series in November 2017. Toronto, ON.
- **Composition for Improvisers.** Composed "*In Sensorium*", a piece for a large ensemble of improvising musicians, featured at the Somewhere There Festival. February 2018.
- **Black Cop (film).** Performed an improvised soundtrack for a Canadian feature film by Cory Bowles, which premiered at the 2017 Toronto International Film Festival.
- **Limmitationes.** This organization showcasing avant-garde music of central Europe invited me to perform in several events. Performed two solo sets at "Heart Culture" festival in Austria 2013, "Are You Free?" Festival in Slovakia in 2013. Collaborated with Radical Improvised

Orchestra at Porgy and Bess Jazz Club in Vienna 2017. Performed at the Chilli Jazz festival in 2016 and 2017 in Austria.

- **Lila: Dancing Music Playing Dance.** Co-founder. A multi-disciplinary group whose performances explored dance and music through structured improvisations. Performance highlights include Europe tour, East Coast Canada tour, and Somewhere There Festival. *December 2011 – Present*
- **Asiko Afrobeat Ensemble.** Performed in the horn section of this 11-piece Afrobeat band. Performance highlights include Zap Mama & Antibalas, Seun Kuti, Afrofest, Habari Festival, Toronto Jazz Festival and Guelph Jazz Festival. *September 2012 - present.*
- **40th Anniversary Dance Works.** Performed a vocal score, “Cheap Sunglasses”, by Bob Stevenson and choreography by Holly Small. Toronto, ON. *November 2017.*
- **Aga Khan Museum.** Performed several solo sets of free improvisation and Slovak folk music showcasing fujara and dvojacka (Slovak folk flutes) in September 2016. Toronto, ON.
- **KGB.** Co-founder. An avant-garde trio composed of myself, Karen Ng and Germaine Liu. Past performances include Somewhere There series (2014), Audiopollination (2015) and The 416 Creative Improvisers Festival in Toronto (2013). *September 2013 - present.*
- **Audiopollination.** Regularly performed at this monthly improvisation series. Toronto, ON. *2012-present.*
- **Toronto Improvising Orchestra.** Regularly performed with this ensemble featuring local improvisors. *2016-present.*
- **Insou Unsou.** Performed with an Iranian group that combines traditional Persian folk music with jazz and indie-rock. Performance highlights include Tirgan Festival at Harbourfront Centre in 2015. *July 2013 - present.*
- **Trinity Mpho.** Played saxophone for this Toronto-based songwriter from Botswana. Performance highlights from 2015 include Hamilton World Music festival, Habari Festival at Harbourfront centre, Scarborough World music festival. *April 2014 - present.*

DISCOGRAPHY

- **Doug Tielli, 2018.** Upcoming LP. Canada
- **Black Cop, 2017.** Feature film soundtrack. Canada
- **Asiko Afrobeat Ensemble, 2016.** *Winners Never Quit* (CD). Canada
- **Insou Unsou, 2015.** *Insou Unsou* (CD). Canada
- **Copycat, 2014.** *What Was the Plan Again?* (CD). Canada
- **Copycat, 2013.** *Grass Is Greener* (CD). Canada
- **Lullaby North, 2011.** *Walk In Spirals* (CD). Canada