

Michael Schiefel

Short Biography

Michael Schiefel is a Berlin-based vocalist, composer, improviser and educator whose work focuses on the human voice as a source of melody, language, sound and electronic transformation. Moving between jazz, contemporary music, song and improvisation, he has developed a personal vocal language that is clear, playful and experimental.

His solo performances combine voice, live looping and real-time processing, creating music from vocal layers built live on stage. He has released several solo albums and has worked in a wide range of ensemble and interdisciplinary contexts, including Platypus Trio, Thärichens Tentett, Wood&Steel Trio and collaborations with artists such as David Friedman, Cathy Milliken and Samson Young.

Schiefel is Professor of Jazz Voice at the Jazz Institute Berlin and the co-developer of MikeLoop, an iPad app for vocal looping, improvisation and live performance.

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