

MICHAEL HEITZLER – Clarinet, Composition

Michael Heitzler studied classical clarinet with Professor Dieter Klöcker at the Academy of Music in Freiburg, Germany, and jazz with Dave Liebman at the Mannes College in New York. He has performed with the “Baden-Baden Radio Orchestra”, the “Klezomatics”, Itzhak Perlman, Albert Mangelsdorff, and frequently toured with the “European Symphony Orchestra” conducted by Antal Dorati, with whom he played concerts in Moscow, Dresden, Berlin, and London. He was a founding member of the wind ensemble “Deutsche Kammerharmonie” and has also performed with “Ensemble Moderne” and at the State Theatre of Karlsruhe.

Michael Heitzler lived in New York for 8 years, where he performed with Phil Markowitz, Richie Beirach, Ron McClure Band, Kevin Hayes, Billy Hart, Frank Brambera, and Don Friedman. He also led his own group with which he played many concerts around New York.

Michael is founding member of Kolsimcha and has been with the band since 1986.