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Caspar van Meel is a dutch bass player, arranger and composer currently living and working in Germany. He is known as a versatile and solid player securely grounded in the jazz-tradition while playing with 'an ear to the future'. Apart from studying double bass he also enjoys performing on the electric bass guitar as well as arranging and composing music for various styles and ensembles from string quartet to jazz quintet.

Before turning to music full-time van Meel received his master's degree in Arts & Culture from the University of Maastricht (NL) with an emphasis on philosophy. During this time he also studied at the conservatory of Maastricht with Jan van de Boomen and classical bassist Carol Hart (Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra). Van Meel went on to study full-time with WDR-Big Band bassist John Goldsby at the Folkwang University in Essen (DE) where he received his master's degree in music. In 2014 he got a GVL scholarship and was invited to the prestigious Workshop for Jazz and Creative Music at the the Banff Centre, Canada where he worked with a.o. Steve Coleman, Vijay Iyer, Jeff Tain Waits, Reggie Workman and Marcus Gilmore.

Van Meel has won numerous awards over the years. As a bandleader with the Caspar van Meel Quintet he was award winner of the Future Sound Competition and the Jazz Preis Ruhr; as a co-leader he received the Jazzwerkuhr Preis with Trigonon and as a sideman he was finalist of the Dutch jazz Competition with the Mike Roelofs Band.

He worked with a.o. the WDR Big Band, Philip Catherine, Götz Alsman and Gerd Dudek, can look back on a host of international tours and concerts and played at festivals like the North Sea Jazz Festival, WDR Jazz Night and the Leverkusener Jazztage. Also, he has experience with theatre-and studio-production and wrote music for children for the Tonhalle Düsseldorf and members of the Bochum Symphony Orchestra. Finally Van Meel also enjoys working as a music teacher in several schools in the region of NRW.