Musician Portfolio: Aaron Wälchli



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For Aaron Wälchli, who was born in Switzerland, one thing is clear: his passion, his being and his personal expression is music. The qualified fitness trainer and coach came into contact with music at a young age. This was always accompanied by the feeling that still flows through him today when he plays music, and this goes far beyond music: it is a feeling of pure presence, freedom and lightness.

After almost ten years of complete abstinence from music, Aaron experienced his musical breakthrough as a solo artist in the years 2020 to 2023: with over 140 performances, he celebrated a brilliant stage debut with an exceptionally versatile repertoire of cross-genre music: from classical, 70s/80s songs to country and pop.

In 2022 and 2023, he also released his debut albums PUR (Session 1) and PUR (Session 2), for which he wrote and composed the songs "Home", "Liecht", "Just Like You" and "True", among others. Typical for his arrangements of Blatt are guitar and marimba accompaniment, which resonate wonderfully with his voice. Cover versions such as "Something" (The Beatles, 1969), "Ring of Fire" (June Carter & Merle Kilgore, 1963) or "Sound of Silence" (Simon & Garfunkel, 1964) make up a large part of his successes. With his personal interpretations and his presence, he succeeds in connecting with his role models in the music



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industry, be it Joe Cocker, Ray Charles, Johnny Cash or Tina Turner.

In spring 2023, together with Regina Leitner, he wrote a musical program of the finest quality: "What the World Needs Now. Love". The music and poetry touch on love on the surface and in depth. The selected compositions by Aaron in combination with the duo's theatrical interludes move, touch and open the heart to all that love has in store. A wild, entertaining, but no less profound ride through all facets of love. It includes the songs "Und du so?", composed by Aaron

himself, and the arrangements "A Million Dreams" and "Up Where We Belong" (album: This is your Song, 2023).

The response to Aaron's concerts is just as varied as his program. In part, it reveals different assessments of his music: influences of folk music and country can be filtered out. If you ask the artist himself about his genre, you get the following answer: "Yes, there's a bit of pop music, a bit of



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country, a bit of singer-songwriter... You won't find a niche with me. Just as little as a label." The solo artist's music radiates above all through his intimate, pure and beautiful voice. Pure. Authentic and full of love.

In addition to many solo performances, Aaron Wälchli realized a new project in spring 2024. With his concert program "Aaron Wälchli & Friends", he was accompanied not only by a top-class live band, but also by a specially founded choir. The stage show was performed in three countries (Switzerland, Germany and France) with resounding success.

Homepage: <u>Aaron Wälchli (www.aaronwaelchli.com)</u>

Aaron Wälchli in the media (please click):

L'abeille (27.06.2024): "Aaron Wälchli performe à la maison pour tous" Vosges Matin (17.06.2024): "Aaron Wälchli en concert devant près de 300 personnes" Rebland Kurier (13.06.2024): "Alte Klassiker neu interpretiert" (10.06.2024): "Aaron Wälchli & Friends - das Konzert in Müllheim am 08.06." Jive Magazin (07.06.2024): "Abschied - aber nicht für immer" Riehener Zeitung L'abeille (06.06.2024): "Les répétitions accélèrent avant le concert du 16 juin" Vosges Télévision (30.05.2024): Qu'on se le dise L'abeille (30.05.2024): "Aaron Wälchli bientôt en concert à Monthureux-sur-Saône" Badische Zeitung (27.05.2024): "Der Singer-Songwriter Aaron Wälchli geht auf Tournee im Dreiland" Riehener Zeitung (24.05.2024): "Letzte Chance für dieses Jahr" (17.05.2024): "Köstlichkeiten und Musik für einen guten Zweck" Benefizkonzert Riehener Zeitung Riehener Zeitung (03.05.2024): "Ein Abend der Musik und Solidarität" Benefizkonzert Pro Csik Vosges Matin (19.04.2024): "Aaron Wälchli enchante le public du clocheton" L'abeille (18.04.2024): "Aaron Wälchli en concert" Riehener Zeitung (05.04.2024): "Carte Blanche" Benefizkonzert Pro Csik L'abeille (07.03.2024): "Une chorale se forme à Saint-Julien" (22.02.2024): "À la rencontre de....Aaron Wälchli" L'abeille (21.02.2024): "Die "Poesie der Sinne" in allen Facetten" Die Oberbadische Badische Zeitung (20.02.2024): "Eine stimmige Hommage an das grösste aller Gefühle" Riehener Zeitung (19.01.2024): "Mit Aaron Wälchli auf Tournee" Vosgues Matin (19.01.2024): "Un musicien polyvalent suisse"

More articles from previous years: https://www.aaronwaelchli.com/en/reviews

Releases

(complete discography in the appendix, available on all common streaming platforms and online at www.aaronwaelchli.com/shop):

01.01.2024: this is your song - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (CD-Album)

22.12.2023: Your Song (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (single)

11.12.2023: Dehäime (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (single)

01.12.2023: Tanzen im Regen (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (single)

01.01.2023: PUR - Session 2 - Aaron Wälchli (CD-Album)

(out of print) 01.01.2022: PUR - Session 1 - Aaron Wälchli (CD-Album)

(out of print) 01.01.2021: MAARON - Marimba & Aaron Wälchli (CD-Album)

Audio samples on YouTube (please click):

Selection of songs written by Aaron Wälchli: Liecht, Honey, Tanzen im Regen

Covers: Sound of Silence, Dancing in the Dark, High Hopes

vosges Matin

"(...) He created a magical atmosphere right from the start, thanks to his charisma, his warm-hearted nature and his extraordinary interpretations. (...)"

Jive Magazin

"(...) Aaron not only inspires people, he also manages to make everyone a little happier from the stage. (...)"

Aurelia L. (festival-goer)

With your music and your presence in concert, you created a space that simply drew me in and touched me. It was wonderful to have seen, heard and felt you live with your music!

Kirtani Roth (https://power-of-words.de)

What a wonderful experience. The program "What The World Needs Now - Love" by Regina Leitner and Aaron Wälchli is a wild ride through all facets of love. The music and poetry touch on love on the surface and in depth. Their fantastic performance moves, touches and changes; opens the heart to all that love has in store. Thank you for the truly entertaining, but no less profound program and all the love you put into your work, your actions and your passion. It is visible and tangible. Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

Willie Suurbeck (Coryphée in the Swiss media landscape & passionate musician)

I've known Aaron Wälchli for a few months now. A rare multi-talent. Whether marimba, guitar, solo singing, Mani Matter or Neil Young. Somehow he can do everything. His heart is music. His soul is light. His body is movement.

...more than 150 appearances since May 2021

37 appearances in 2023 (The complete list at : https://www.aaronwaelchli.com/en/konzerte)

49 appearances in 2022 (The complete list at : https://www.aaronwaelchli.com/en/konzerte)

40 appearances in 2021 (the list will be provided on request)

Appendix:

Publish albums

this is your song - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (CD-ALBUM)

Release-Date: 01.01.2024, EAN: 0 730706 012709

- 1. Your Song, words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314004
- 2. What the World Needs Now, words & music by Brett James, Holly Lamar, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314005
- 3. Heart of Gold, words & music by Neil Young, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314006
- 4. Dehäime, words & music by Aaron Wälchli, choir-arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314007
- 5. Honey, words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314008
- 6. Wish You Were Here, words & music by David Gilmour & Roger Waters, ISRC: QMEU32314009
- 7. Tanzen im Regen, words by Bettina Wälchli, music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314010
- 8. No Ordinary World, words & music by Lars Anderson & Stephen Allen Davis, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314011
- 9. Und du so?, words by Bettina Wälchli & Aaron Wälchli, music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314012
- 10. Up Where We Belong, words & music by Jack Nitzsche & Buffy Sainte-Marie & Will Jennings, ISRC: QMEU32314013
- 11. Famille, words & music by Jean-Jacques Goldman, ISRC: QMEU32314014
- 12. Dancing in the Dark, words & music by Bruce Springsteen, ISRC: QMEU32314015
- 13. A Million Dreams, words & music by Benj Pasek & Justin Paul, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314016
- 14. Life Will Find a Way, words & music by Nikos Frangiskatos, arr. by Bettina Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32314017
- 15. A Little Prayer, music by Evelyn Glennie, ISRC: QMEU32314018

Your Song (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (SINGLE)

Release-Date: 22.12.2023, words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QZWFF2343245

Dehäime (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (SINGLE)

Release-Date: 11.12.2023, words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QZWFF2343602

Your Song (Radio Edit) - Aaron Wälchli & The Band (SINGLE)

Release-Date: 01.12.2023, words by Bettina Wälchli, music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QZWFF2343601

PUR - Session 2 - Aaron Wälchli (CD-ALBUM)

Release-Date: 01.01.2023, EAN: 0 730706 005213

- 1. Home (2:22), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220392
- 2. True (2:17), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220393
- 3. Liecht (1:46), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220394
- 4. Sound of Silence (3:28), words & music by Paul Simon, Arr. Ahmed Alshaiba, ISRC: QMEU32220395
- 5. Older (2:26), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220396
- 6. Waves to Shore (3:07), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220397
- 7. The Way (2:49), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220398
- 8. I Love You (2:25), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220399
- 9. Baby Can I Hold You (2:45), words & music by Tracy Chapman, ISRC: QMEU32220400
- 10. Dust In the Wind (3:01), words & music by Kerry Livgren, ISRC: QMEU32220401
- 11. Don't Give Up (1:54), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32220402

PUR - Session 1 - Aaron Wälchli (CD-ALBUM)

Release-Date: 01.01.2022, EAN: 0 730706 005190

- 1. Heart Of Gold (2:21), words & music by Neil Young, ISRC: CHE772100601
- 2. High Hopes (3:32), words & music by S. Garrigan, M. Prendergast & V. May / arr. by A. Wälchli, ISRC: CHE772100602
- 3. First We Take Manhattan (2:35), words & music by Leonard Cohen, ISRC: CHE772100603
- 4. Wish You Were Here (2:50), words & music by David Gilmour & Roger Waters, ISRC: CHE772100604
- 5. Dancing in the Dark (1:55), words & music by Bruce Springsteen, ISRC: CHE772100605
- 6. A Star (2:49), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: CHE772100606
- 7. Humble and Kind (3:36), words & music by Lori McKenna, ISRC: CHE772100607
- 8. Yellow After the Rain (2:41), music by Mitchell Peters, ISRC: CHE772100608
- 9. Something (3:49), words & music by George Harrison, ISRC: CHE772100609
- 10. Just Like You (1:08), words & music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: CHE772100610
- 11. Marimba Piece #5 (1:56), music by Ruud Wiener, ISRC: CHE772100611
- 12. Ring Of Fire (2:09), words & music by June Carter & Merle Kilgore, ISRC: CHE772100612
- 13. Marimba Flamenca (4:29), music by Alice Gomez, ISRC: CHE772100613
- 14. We're All Going Home (2:52), words & music by Nikos Frangiskatos, ISRC: CHE772100614
- 15. Three Little Birds (2:01), words & music by Bob Marley, ISRC: QZRP42190344

MAARON - Marimba & Aaron Wälchli (CD-ALBUM)

Release-Date: 01.01.2021, EAN: 0 730706 001390

- 1. Welcome to the Opera (2:03), music by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32027924
- 2. What the World Needs Now (4:04), words & music by Holly Lamar & Brett James, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32027925
- 3. Beautiful in My Eyes (4:44), words & music by Joshua Kadison, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32027926
- 4. No Ordinary World (3:06), words & music by Lars Anderson & Stephen Allen Davis, arr. by Aaron Wälchli, ISRC: QMEU32027927