

Patxi Valverde (Madrid, 1975) is one of the most promising spanish tenor saxophonists into the european jazz scene.

His musical career began as a music teacher while he combines the study of classical saxophone.

After exerting teaching in primary school, he decided to expand his knowledge in the field of jazz and traveling to the Netherlands, where he obtained the Bachelor of Jazz Saxophone at the Prins Claus Conservatorium, and Master of Jazz Saxophone at the ArtEZ Hogeschool voor de Kunsten, studying with teachers like Don Braden, Brian Lynch, Ralph Peterson, Alex Sipiagin, Yury Honing and Michael Moore among others.

It was in Holland where he founded the group Patxi Valverde Quartet, doing several tours in Europe and playing with musicians like Tarek Yamani, Owen Hart Jr, Johanes Radianto and Adra Karim, highlighting his latest project: "An Evening with Shorter".

In 2010 he recorded in Amsterdam his debut CD entitled "Looking Forward" that includes the participation of prestigious American pianist David Berkman. This album has had great reviews in several radio program,

"Jazz porque si" (Rne2, Juan Claudio Cifuentes "Cifu"), "Discópolis" (RNE3, Jose Miguel Lopez), and in the web of jazz news "Tomajazz".

In the words of the famous jazz journalist "Cifu": "Patxi is a jazzman who speaks the language of jazz with a clear speech, possessed of a very beautiful sound and impeccable technique, a great tenor soloist".

Patxi has won the first prize in the Dutch Big Band Contest at the Jazz Festival Enschede, with the big band "Stage Band" (Holland 2008). He also had the privilege of playing with legendary saxophonist Benny Golson at Swinging Groningen Jazz Festival (2011, Holland) with the "PCC Big Band". In 2012 he was resident artist at the jazz school AMMUS (Bucaramanga, Colombia) directing the "AMMUS Jazz Orchestra".

Likewise Patxi has participated in numerous jazz festivals throughout Europe and South America.

Presently he is living between France, Switzerland and Spain, where he is developing his work as a jazz musician, professor and director of big band.