

Short biography, Øivind Farnen

Øivind Farnen, born in Sandefjord, Norway, in 1972, completed his studies under Anders Grøthe at Barratt Due Institute of Music in 1995 with the top mark 1.0 , both with regards to solo accordion and chamber music.

He has won numerous national and international awards, among others, 1. prize in the prestigious accordion competition in Klingenthal, Germany (1993) as well as in the *Trofée Mondial de l'accordéon* (the accordion world championship) in Portugal, 1996.

Through his work with composers, he has premiered a number of works for the accordion and orchestra in addition to solo works for his instrument.

Concerts have been made throughout the world, from China in the east to the USA in the west. In addition to his work as a soloist, Farnen is a frequently used in-demand session and theatre musician who participates in a wide range of short- and long-term projects, and even finds time for teaching chamber music and accordion at the university of Trondheim (NTNU).