

## **KONTRAS2**

"KONTRAS2" is a Project Team, with Korea's number one classical double bass player Minje Sung and jazz bass player Jinbae Choi as members.

From classical music to jazz and pop genres, music is reborn with the touch of the Kontras2's colour.

Minje Sung, who has already proved to be the best by winning numerous World Concools at the age of 16, plays the melody with his splendid techniques, and Jinbae Choi, who has participated in the arrangement himself, plays the lower voice. Together, it wouldn't be too much to say that a brand new genre is born.

### **Minje Sung**

2006 at the age of 16 for gifted students at the Korea National University of Arts

Graduated from the Korea National University of Arts in 2009.

Completed Master's degree at the National University of Music in 2010

Graduated from the top performer's course at the National College of Music in Munich in Munich.

### **Concours**

2006 International Music Competitions Johann Matthias Sperger Youngest Winner (Asia's First)

2007 International Serge Koussevitsky Double Bass Competition Winning (First Asian)

2011 International Instrumentalwettbewerb Markneukirchen (Joint 2nd Prize)

### **Career**

2007 Kumho Cultural Foundation Gifted Concert.

Young Artist solo, Rising Star solo.

Seoul Philharmonic Orchestra, KBS, Suwon Philharmonic Orchestra, Ulsan Philharmonic

## **Orchestra**

Collaboration with Daegu Philharmonic Orchestra and Gwacheon Philharmonic Orchestra

a Moscow debut Daewon Music Award

2008 Kumho Music Awards

2009 Deutsche Grammophon record release Double Base Solo for the first time

2010 Chung Myung-whun and 7 Musicians Play

a performance by Berlin Philharmonic Kammer Hall.

Performing at Carnegie Hall in the United States with 2011 international double bass ensemble 'Baciona Amorosa'

Berlin Philharmonic Chamber Hall Solo Stage Debut Germany

Recital to Celebrate the Opening of the IBK Chamber Hall at the Seoul Arts Center

2012 German Polling Hall Ensemble Munique Recital

Recital Invited to the Chamber Music Series at the Louvre Museum in Paris

Seoul Arts Center Ibk Hall Double-Base Recital

2013 2nd Album [unlimited]

2014 Second Album Recital.

Seo Ol-shihyang's deputy guest and album recording

2014 Baciona Amorosa 'Klassik One Grenzen Preise'

2015 Recital (Ji Yong & Sung Min Je) 'Romanticist' National Tour

2016 "2015" Concert Korean Music Award (New Artist Music Award)

Third [unplugged] album release

Jarasum Festival

Seoul Jazz Festival

ACC World Music Festival

2017 Pyeongchang Winter Olympics Success Concert

Sejong Center Classic Generation Classic Base Inspiration>

Concert of the Jeju Symphony Orchestra at the Symphony Festival Incheon

International Airport Korean Wave Culture Festival K-Music Festival

DUTCH DOUBLEBASS FESTIVAL

DITTO FESTIVAL

Promoting the honorary ambassador of Pyeongchang Special Music & Art Festival

## **Current Activities**

Kumho Asiana Soloists Unit

International Double-Base Ensemble 'Baciona Amorosa'

Music Director of the Kansong Cultural Foundation in Korea  
music director of the Clazz Philharmonic Orchestra

### **Jinbae Choi (Bassist, Composer and Educator)**

Jinbae was the pianist, guitarist and bassist for a rock, gospel and pop band in high school, and thereafter bassist and arranger for the Korean Navy Orchestra. After this, he began a serious study of jazz music and made a name for himself in the Korean jazz scene. In 2004 he began studies at Berklee College of Music(Boston,US) as a recipient of the World Scholarship and then he moved to New York for playing and studying a graduate program at New York University. He played at Blue Note (NY) with Brian Lynch and his band "Prelude" was released 10 albums by Sony Korea. He participated in Havana World Music Festival (Cuba 2019), California World Music festival(USA 2019), Ethno Port Festival(Poland 2018), MMVV (Spain 2018), 1st Asian American Jazz Festival(LA,US), Jarasum Jazz Festival(Korea), Seoul Jazz festival, ...etc. Also he is teaching music at Kukje University of art as a professor in South Korea.