

- 1962** Born in Munich.
- 1974** Foundation of his first schoolband, at that time as a guitarplayer.
- 1976** Musical director of the Arthur Kutscher Theater.
- 1978** Professional education as stone mason and sculptor.
- 1980** First appearance in Munich Clubs (Muh, Liederbühne Robinson, Schwabinger Brettl, and others)
- 1986** Abandonment of his profession as a sculptor. Concerts in Germany, Austria and Switzerland.
- 1987** Christian Willisohn & Zora Young/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)  
Christian Willisohn & Aron Burton/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)  
Christian Willisohn & Louisiana Red/USA (Tour CH)
- 1988** Tourneen with Zora Young/USA, Aron Burton/USA and the Raindogs/CH (BRD, A, CH)  
**Recording session** with the Raindogs „**CHICAGO CALLIN**“ as a special guest  
**Festivals:** Montreux/CH, Ascona/CH, Nyon/CH, Frauenfeld/CH, Wien/A, Kempten, Hamburg, München
- 1989** **Bluesgiants Tour** (Christian Willisohn Band, Vince Weber, Zora Young/USA.) BRD, A, CH  
Christian Willisohn meets Torsten Zwingenberger (Tour BRD, A, CH)  
**Festivals:** Ascona/CH, Kempten, Gaildorf
- 1990** Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tour BRD, A, CH). Christian Willisohn meets Torsten Zwingenberger (Tournée BRD, A, CH)  
**Festivals:** Ascona/CH, Wien/A, Wiehl
- 1991** Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, A, CH, USA)  
**Recording session** Christian Willisohn -solo- „**BOOGIE WOOGIE AND SOME BLUES**“  
**Recording session** with Lillian Boutté and the Fats Domino Rhythm Sektion „**LIPSTICK TRACES**“ in New Orleans/USA  
**Festivals:** New Orleans/USA, Burghausen, München, Wiehl, Dreieich, Singen, Gronau
- 1992** Christian Willisohn New R&B Band (Tour BRD). Christian Willisohn meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD, A, CH, USA). **Festivals:** New Orleans/USA, Kempten, Würselen, Mülheim
- 1993** Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tour BRD). **Live-Plattenaufnahme** with Boris Vanderlek/NL „**BLUES NEWS**“  
Christian Willisohn -solo- (Tour BRD, F, USA). **Festivals:** New Orleans/USA, Gronau, Waldshut-Tiengen
- 1994** Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek/NL (Tour Jan/Feb BRD, März USA, CD-Presentation in New York)  
**Festivals:** Breda/NL, Groningen/NL, Geeleen/NL, Terneuzen/NL, Copenhagen/DK, Gronau, München, Kempten, Itzehoe, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Neuburg, Leverkusen
- 1995** Christian Willisohn Trio/Int. meets Lillian Boutté/USA (Tournée BRD). **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Trio/Int. „**BLUES ON THE WORLD**“ Music book incl. CD „**THE REAL BLUES'N BOOGIE BUCH**“, ConBrio Verlag, Regensburg  
**Festivals:** Högaden/B, Garching, Wendelstein, Passau, Landsberg, Günzburg, Neuburg, Limburg, Berg. Gladbach, Wiesbaden, Bundespresseball, Ball des Sports
- 1996** **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Band/Int. „**HEART BROKEN MAN**“. **Festivals:** Lyon/F, Kempten, Wendelstein, Waldshut-Tiengen, Neuburg, Vreden, Bayer. Rundfunk. Formation of the record label **ART BY HEART**
- 1997** **Recording session** with Lillian Boutté/USA „**COME TOGETHER**“. **Festivals:** Lichtensteig/CH, Zollikon/CH, Mülheim, Germering, Wendelstein, Passau, Bayreuth, Neuburg, Taufkirchen, Limburg
- 1998** Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH, USA)  
**Festivals:** Sydney/AUS, Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, New Orleans/USA, Meilen/CH, Sargans/CH, Luzern/CH, Wiesbaden, Neuburg, Neubrandenburg, Bad Wörishofen, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Zweibrücken
- 1999** Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH)  
The Spirit Of Louisiana Gospel-Tour (singers and musicians from USA, DK, GB - Tour BRD, B, L, DK)  
**Festivals:** Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Oxford/GB, Famagusta/TK, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Rust (SWR-TV), Lahnstein (SWR), Mitte Europa, Furth i. Wald, Lauingen, Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2000** **Recording session** Christian Willisohn Trio+1 „**Live at Marians**“. Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté/USA (Tour BRD, CH). The Spirit Of Louisiana Gospel-Tour (Sänger & Musiker aus USA, DK, GB - Tour BRD, B, L, DK)  
**Festivals:** Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Oxford/GB, Famagusta/TK, Frankfurt (Alte Oper), Rust (SWR-TV), Lahnstein (SWR), Mitte Europa, Furth i. Wald, Lauingen, Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2001** **Festivals:** Langenthal/CH, Einsiedeln/CH, Kempten, Fürth, Bad Mergentheim, Bad Salzungen/Thüringer Jazzmeile Kultursommer: Nordhessen (Kaufungen & Cornberg), Sasbachwalden
- 2002** **Festivals:** Waiheke Isl./NZ, Auckland/NZ, Bad Wildungen, Europ. Festspiele Passau, Fürth, Bad Salzungen, Aidlingen, Flein, Waldshut-Tiengen, St. Wendel, Unterföhring (BR), Kulturtage Baienfurt
- 2003** **Talking book-CD** „**OTTO KRAUSE HAT DEN BLUES**“ (Jacques Berndorf, Text – Christian Willisohn, music)  
**Festivals:** Langenthal/CH, Lenk/CH, Berlin, Neusäß, Erding, Töging, Halle/Westf, Bonn, Daun Kriminale „Tatort Eifel“ Kulturtage: Sasbachwalden, Hauzenberg

- 2004 Festivals:** Festa New Orleans & Classics Ascona/CH, Blue Balls Festival Luzern/CH, Jazz & Bluesrally Luxembourg/L, Piano Festival Luzern/CH, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, SWR Bluesfestival Lahnstein, B & W Rhythm and Blues Festival Halle/Westf, Kulturtage Bruckmühl. **SACD recording session** for Stockfish Records in den scottish highlands (Crear). „**Hold On**“
- 2005** Bowers & Wilkins „**Nautilustour 2005**“ big tour in Germany, sound set up by B&W using highend speakers „Nautilus 801“ und Classé over amplifying. **Festivals:** Festival du Piano Laroquebrou (France), Help New Orleans Kempten „Benefizgala“, Jazzband Ball Wiesbaden, Leipziger Gospelfestival, VW Festival Wolfsburg.
- 2006 CD-Live recording** „Christian Willisohn & Lillian Boutté“. **Filmscore** „Der Sonnenstrategie“. **Festivals:** SWR-Mainz, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfest Rottweil, Kieler Woche, Jazzfestival Großbottwar, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Bonner Sommer, Jazznacht Lengerich, Garching Bluesnacht, Jazzrendezvous Bad Wildungen, Philharmonie Luxemburg, Jazzfestival Bordeaux.
- 2007 Live-DVD recording** „Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek“ **Reflecting the Blues**. Duo concerts with Sara K. **CD recording** „Christian Willisohn solo“ **Live at Dixieland Jubilee**. **Festivals:** Dixieland Jubilee Stuttgart, Bluesnight Hamburg, New Orleans Night München, Jazzfestival Neubrandenburg, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Schwarzwald Musikfestival, Jazzfestival Düren, Klassik meets Jazz Stuttgart, Tatort Eifel, jazz Weekend Bad Birnbach.
- 2008 Festivals:** Piano Festival Berlin, Philharmonie Luxemburg, New Orleans Festival Wendelstein, Konzertreise auf der Seacloud, Schwarzwald Musik Festival, Jazzfest Wiesbaden, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Jazz Night St. Wendel, Piano Nacht Tuttingen, Jazz Tage Aidlingen
- 2009 Talking book-CD „Samiras Blues“** (Jacques Berndorf, Text – Christian Willisohn, music). Tour: **Road show** for the new **Sea Cloud Hussar** (D-A-CH-GB). **Festivals:** Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Jazzfestival Uhldingen, Jazz Festival Ascona, Jazz Festival Bietigheim, Konzertreise auf der Sea Cloud II, Musiktage Feldkirchen, Piano Festival Barcelona, Klassik meets Blues Lindenberg, Philharmonie Luxemburg
- 2010** Tour on the occasion of his **30th. Stage anniversary**.  
New instrumentation of the **Christian Willisohn “Southern Spirit”** : Boris van der Lek (saxophone), Titus Vollmer (guitar), Peter Kraus (drums) und Matthias Engelhardt (bass).
- 2011 Presentation of the CD “Back in the limelight”** by Christian Willisohn & Boris van der Lek.  
Release of the **DVD „30 years of Blues“**.
- 2012** Presentation of the 3rd talking book „**Nuttenbunker**“ in collaboration with Jaques Berndorf.  
**Festivals:** Kemptener Jazzfrühling, Ahrensburger Musiknacht, Hamburg Gala für SOS Kinderdörfer.
- 2013** Tournee with Jaques Berndorf „Nuttenbunker“. Tournee „Southern Spirit“ with the new bass player Alexander Haas  
Sponsorship for “School against racism, school for courage”  
**Festivals:** Jazzfestival Ascona, Pianofestival Lucerne, Boogie Woogie Festival Hamburg, Vince Weber Bluesgala Ahrensburg
- 2014 Festivals:** internationale Jazzwoche Burghausen, Bluesfestival Leingarten, Ahrensburger Musiknacht, Kieler Woche, Tastival Raisting, 1. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn, Gottfried Boettger Blues Nacht
- 2015 Festivals:** Kulturfestival Feldkirchen, Steirisches Boogie Festival, 1. Münchner Pianistenfestival, Jazzfestival Langenthal, Bluesfestival Hassfurt
- 2016 Festivals:** Festival Kirchseeon, Jazzfestival Ascona, 2. Münchner Pianistenfestival, 3. Piano Maraton Ottobrunn

**Live TV shows:** ARD, ZDF, ORF, BR, RTL, SAT 1, 3sat, SWR, Dt. Welle TV, Onyx, CoxTV/New Orleans, M eins...

**Live radio shows:** WBGO New York, WWOX New Orleans, HR, BR, NDR, SWR, Radio Bremen, u.a.

**Filmscore:** „Der Sonnenstrategie“ in cooperation with Titus Vollmer

**Workshops:** Workshops for Blues-, Stride- und Boogie Woogie-Piano

**Christian Willisohn can be heard in following lineups:**

**Christian Willisohn -solo-**

**Christian Willisohn & Boris Vanderlek – duo**

**Christian Willisohn´s “Southern Spirit”**

mit Titus Vollmer (guitar, vocals); Peter Kraus (drums, vocals), Alexander Haas (bass, vocals).

**Christian Willisohn´s “Southern Spirit” feat. Boris van der Lek**

mit Boris van der Lek (saxophone), Titus Vollmer (guitar, vocals); Peter Kraus (drums, vocals), Alexander Haas (bass, vocals).

**Christian Willisohn & Prof. Herbert Wiedemann** (on two pianos) “Blues meets classical music”