

# Sara Brink-Nielsen

## MUSICIAN- (JAZZ)HARPIST

Sara (2002) is a diverse harpist and musician. With her harp she strives to create a landscape with music that suites the occasion. A determination to make all music accessible to the audience, leads to innovative concepts. Both rooted in classical and non-classical music, she is always looking for ways to present the harp as the wonderful and diverse instrument that it is.

## EDUCATION

- **Pre-Master Jazz Harp** with Bert van den Brink  
2024-2025 Hogeschool voor de Kunsten, Utrecht
- **Bachelor of Music Classical Harp** with Manja Smits  
2020-2024 ArtEZ University of the Arts, Zwolle
- **Bachelor of Music Jazz Harp** with Brenda Dor-Groot  
2022-2024 ArtEZ University of the Arts, Zwolle
- **Erasmus Exchange** with Andreas Mildner (harp)  
with Christine Schneider (jazz harp/piano)  
Wintersemester 2023-2024 Hochschule für Musik, Würzburg
- **Pre-Bachelor Classical Harp**  
2019 - 2020 ArtEZ University of the Arts, Zwolle
- **Young Talentclass Classical Harp**  
2017 - 2019 ArtEZ University of the Arts, Zwolle
- **VWO** Ichthus College, Kampen  
2014 - 2020 Graduated Cum Laude

## INTERNSHIP

### All Round internship at Fuse

2022-2023

An internship with the exciting and innovation group Fuse , based in Amsterdam. Experience in Management, Bookings, Arranging and Organising as well as a general feel for a professional, unconventional ensemble career. Performing jazz and classical music with Fuse at Festival Veenhuizen.

## TEACHING

- **Half Year Replacement, Muziekschool Amsterdam. Private Students**  
2024
- **Leerorkest Amsterdam. Group lessons Music & Harp**  
2024- 2025
- **Presenting at the Classic Express, Prinses Christina Concours**  
2023-now
- **Private Students at home**  
2023- now
- **Internship with Beate Loonstra, DUMC Utrecht. Private Students**  
2022-2023
- **Substitute for Beate Loonstra, DUMC Utrecht. Private Students**  
2022- now

## SARA BRINK-NIELSEN

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## SKILLS

Music Performance Skills  
Improvisation  
Organisation  
Communication

Dutch, English,  
German, Danish

## ENSEMBLES

### Brink-Nielsen & Nobel

2024 — *Present*

Newly formed Jazz-duo with trumpeter Teus Nobel

### Morgen is het anders

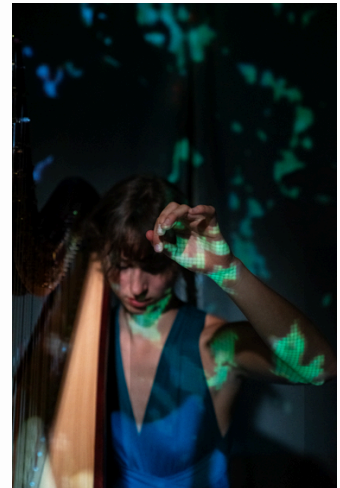
2024 — *Present*

Trio with Flugelhornplayer Bram van de Glind and drummer Damian de Muijnck. We play improvised concerts, based on the input of the audience.

### Beyond Perspective

2024 - *present*

Originally Sara's graduation project by Sara Brink-Nielsen, together with Visuals Artist Gus Wolf Wickerhoff. Beyond Perspective is a visual concert exploring the influence of technology on polarisation and human connection. With Bram van de Glind and Damian de Muijnck.



### Sanne&Sara

2018 — *Present*

Harpduo with Sanne Bakker (harp) They play mostly 20th and 21st century music, as well as their own arrangements and new compositions.

- Theatre performance 'Alles begint met een A'. 2023
- TV: Podium Witteman 'Jonge Helden' 'Young Herous' 2022
- Radio: Several appearances in the National Classical Broadcast 'Radio Klassiek' 2022

### Ça va bien,

2019 — 2022

Duo with Harp, Electronics and Vocals with Fabienne Schadee

- Two released Singles 'Telkens Weer' and 'Pak ik je vast' in 2022
- Booster Showcase festival 2022
- Playing with ArtEZ Pop-orchestra 2022

Talent-program Drentsch Peil XL & Candidate for Hit the North 2021-2022

### Skaal: Scandinavian Folk Music

2023

Ensemble consisting of Violin, Double Bass, Harp and Percussion. With improvisations and arrangements based on traditional Scandinavian Folk Tunes.

## MENTIONABLE EXPERIENCES

### Orchestra/Ensemble/Choir

- A ceremony of carols (Britten)
- From me flows what you call time (Takemitsu), Adagietto (Mahler)
- Introduction et Allegro (Ravel) in the ArtEZ Chamber Music Best of
- Played in Orchestra's like: VKSO, Nootstroom, ArtEZ Poporkest, ArtEZ String Orchestra, Youth Orchestra De Vuurvogel, Kamerorkest Somer

### Theater: The Father

2022

Acting, playing and composing in a Dutch theatre translation of the movie 'The Father'

### Paradise Circus Now

2024

Theater production at Moon Productions led by Hendrik Aerts

An exciting professional production, with participating young artist from all creative fields. 52 Show at theaterfestival Parade 2024.

- Playing as a harpist and actor, as well as contributing to the compositions.

### Improvisational skills

**Jazz: (traditional)** jazz improvisation both solo and in band setting, accompanying improvisations by others

**Free Improvisation:** improving in combos based on a concept or completely free

**Solo:** improvising in concerts, both background and soloistic

**Deconstructing Debussy:** deconstructing and improvising on/with parts of Debussy's trio for flute, viola and harp.

### Masterclasses

Isabelle Perin (2022), Erik Groenenstein-Hendriks (2022), Florence Sitruk (2022), Masumi Nagasawa (2019-2022), Ghislaine Petit-Volta (2023), Andreas Mildner (2023), Agnès Clement (2023), Frank van de Laar (2022), Beth&Flo (2022), Duo Bilitis (2023), Milena Hoge (Jazz-Harp, 2022), Carina Backhuijs (Jazz-Harp, 2022), Gerald Clayton (2023), Suzan Lutke (2024)

