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I began my musical studies in the Musical Composition with Electro-Acoustic Media course at Quilmes National University. During this time, I became involved with audiovisual media, primarily through theatre, and later worked on various multimedia projects, including short films, installations, dance, advertising, and more.

In parallel, I pursued work as a sound technician, both live and in the studio, engaging in music production, recording, mixing, and sound post-production. Over the years, I developed my artistic career as a performer, improviser, and composer in the fields of experimental, contemporary, and electro-acoustic music, as well as in several popular music projects, where I incorporated elements from these genres. Since then, I have been actively involved in the promotion and dissemination of experimental music and free improvisation, organizing various music cycles in Argentina and Europe.

Between 2008 and 2018, I directed the European branch of the Niños Consentidos Festival in cities such as Barcelona, Vienna, Berlin, and Lisbon.

In 2012, I began a new exploration in multimedia and interactive art, founding the project Circus Lumineszenz in Austria. Circus Lumineszenz is an artistic and educational project based in Austria, where, through the use of light and creative technology, we develop multimedia environments, installations, performances, and objects. The audience is invited not only to contemplate and enjoy but, in most cases, to actively participate as co-creators of the experience. Through this project, we have created interactive multimedia installations and environments for schools, museums, institutions, and festivals, aiming to manifest anti-dogmatic artistic concepts, support and explore people's creative abilities—particularly those of children—and place special emphasis on working with children with various degrees of disabilities.

Also in 2012, I co-founded the cultural association Kulturverein VEIK (Verein für Experimentelle und Interdisziplinäre Kunst / Association for Experimental and Interdisciplinary Art) in Austria, with which we have been working nationally and internationally ever since.

Since 2018, I have been producing the Light Festival Blockheide Leuchtet under my direction, curation, and execution, alongside the project Lichtspektakel Sparbach, both of which promote light art in natural spaces.

Since 2020, I have been developing my workshop and atelier in the Waldviertel region in northern Austria, along with a space that is becoming a meeting point for artists from around the world, with the intention of establishing an Artist in Residence program.

Since early 2025, I have been a board member of the International Light Festivals Organisation, a global network of public light festivals, public light events, and light art experts. This alliance fosters collaboration among light festivals and experts by sharing expertise, inspiration, and information at an international level. It encourages networking, knowledge exchange, and co-production while serving as a platform for research and communication.

Institutions and clients with whom I have been working: Albertina Museum Vienna, Ars Electronica Linz, WienXtra, Waldviertel Tourismus, Austrian Cultural Forum Zagreb / Bern / London / Cairo / Rome / Belgrade / Ljubljana / Bucharest, Austrian Embassy Helsinki / Lisbon / Copenhagen / Buenos Aires, Federal Ministry of Education and Women, Federal Chancellery for Art and Culture, State of Lower Austria, City of Vienna, City of Litschau, City of Gmünd, Otto Mauer Fund, Kultur Kontakt // OEAD, and many others.

Projects abroad so far in Egypt, Argentina, Belgium, Denmark, Germany, England, Finland, France, Greece, Italy, Iceland, Croatia, Lithuania, Macedonia, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Switzerland, Serbia, Slovenia, Spain, Czech Republic, Hungary, USA.

References Circus Lumineszenz: <http://www.circuslumineszenz.com/references.html>

Blockheide Leuchtet Festival: <http://www.blockheide-leuchtet.at/>

Niños Consentidos Festival: <http://www.ninosconsentidos.eu/>