



## The NEQ

Korean Contemporary Improvisational Music

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*"The NEQ's music opened a new epoch of music by combining jazz and Korean traditional music with outstanding creativity."*

- Korean Music Awards

The NEQ consists of artists who have long been endeavoring after the musical combination of contemporary jazz and traditional Korean music. Instead of mere fusion or following the tradition, the band has been trying to suggest a new future-oriented model and created contemporary Korean music through the link of 'improvisation'. In 2010, The NEQ released their 1st album "Chaosmos" right after founding the group. This album received critics' acclaim for its new musical style, unique sound, and for opening a new prospect of Korean jazz as well as genre-defying musical diversity. With this album, The NEQ was selected for the 7th Performing Arts Market in Seoul PAMS Choice and had a showcase in 2011. Now this group is formed with the saxophonist Sung Jae Son and the guitarist Su Wuk Chung and the new generation virtuoso of Pansori; Korean traditional singer, Yul Hee Kim. Their 2nd album "Passing of Illusion", released in October 2015, contains 9 tracks including modern interpretations of traditional Korean sound. With this album, The NEQ received the Best Crossover Album Award of Korean Music Awards. And they are confirmed for their ECM records debut in late fall, 2018.

Sung Jae Son | saxophone

Su Wuk Chung | guitar, Sound FX

Yul Hee Kim | voice, gong

Soojin Suh | drums

## Booking

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- 2011 The 7th Performing Arts Market in Seoul <PAMS Choice> Showcase  
Street Art-Plex Kumamoto
- 2014 Chinese Tour - Beijing World Music Week, Beishan World Music Festival
- 2015 SIMA Sound Lounge 'International Winter Season' (Australia)  
Brisbane International Jazz Festival (Australia)  
The 12<sup>th</sup> Jarasum International Jazz Festival (Korea)  
The 12<sup>th</sup> Penang Island Jazz Festival (Malaysia)
- 2016 Jazz sous les Pommiers(France)  
The 13<sup>th</sup> Korean Music Awards 'Best Jazz&Crossover Album' <Passing of Illusion>,  
The 9<sup>th</sup> Jeju Haevichi Arts Festival Official Showcase  
2016 Performing Arts Market in Seoul <PAMS Choice> Showcase
- 2017 Street Art-Plex Kumamoto (Japan)

- Video

Passing of Illusion – Performing Arts in Seoul 2016  
<https://youtu.be/ltWpgwLn94I>

