

## PERQUISITE: A BIOGRAPHY



Composer/producer *Perquisite* - real name Pieter Perquin - was born in Amsterdam, the Netherlands in 1982. Having played the cello since his early youth, he has always been involved with and inspired by all kinds of music, ranging from classical music and sixties to hip-hop and jazz. He started creating beats at age fourteen and in 2001, he founded record label **Unexpected Records** to release his first EP *Outta Nowhere*. This collection of jazzed out instrumental hip-hop tracks featuring saxophonist Benjamin Herman became a big hit in Japan.

After releasing two more EPs, Perquisite started working with rapper/vocalist *Pete Philly* in 2004, and formed the hip-hop duo **Pete Philly & Perquisite**. Besides composing and producing their music, Perquisite also handled the duo's management. With their refreshing mix of hip-hop, soul and jazz, they gained major success and started touring worldwide with their live band. Two critically acclaimed studio albums were released: *Mindstate* (2005) and *Mystery Repeats* (2007), and they won several awards including the *Silver Harp* and the *Amsterdam Award of Art*, alongside nominations for the *3FM Awards*, *Edison Pop Awards* and *MTV European Music Awards*.

After Pete & Perq parted ways in 2009, Perquisite started working on the album *Across* (2010), a collaboration with twelve different vocalists including Torre Florim (*De Staat*) and Cato van Dijk (*My Baby*). His next project was a partnership with singer *Kris Berry* on their 2013 album *Lovestruck Puzzles*. The album by **Kris Berry & Perquisite** was highly praised by the press, and the single *Let Go* became *3FM Megahit*.

In 2015, Perquisite met Surinamese-Dutch singer-songwriter **Jeangu Macrooy** during an audition at the conservatory, after which they decided to collaborate. Perquisite produced and arranged Jeangu's debut-EP *Brave Enough* (2016), which was nominated for an *Edison Pop Award*. The collaboration continued for his debut album *High On You* (2017), for which Perquisite also took on the role of co-writer. *High On You* met with critical acclaim and was nominated for an *Edison Pop Award* in the category Best Album. They collaborated again on Jeangu's second album, *Horizon* (2019). The album was presented at the sold-out grand hall of Amsterdam pop temple *Paradiso*, followed by successful club tours in the Netherlands and Germany.

In early 2020, it was announced that Jeangu Macrooy would represent the Netherlands at the Eurovision Song Contest with his song *Grow*, which was produced by Perquisite. Due to the pandemic the event was cancelled, but Jeangu would nevertheless represent the Netherlands at Eurovision 2021. His new song *Birth Of A New Age* was written and produced by Jeangu Macrooy and Perquisite and was performed in the final of the *Eurovision Song Contest* in Ahoy, Rotterdam.

Since 2022 Perquisite collaborates with upcoming Alternative R&B singer and songwriter **Swan**. Her debut album 'Underneath My Façade' is presented in The Melkweg on March 8th 2025.

At the beginning of 2023, Pete & Perq decided to collaborate again. This resulted in a major reunion concert at AFAS Live in Amsterdam on November 17, 2023, of which Dutch magazine OOR proclaimed that the duo is 'back on top', and in their third studio album *Eon*, released on May 3, 2024. After a successful European tour that year, in which Pete & Perq performed in London, Berlin and Paris, amongst other cities, the duo announced a new tour for 2025: the Time Flies Theater Tour. During this tour, Pete Philly & Perquisite will perform in eleven Dutch theaters from April to June.

Since 2009, Perquisite also works as a film composer. For his first endeavor, the music for the film *Carmen of the North* (Jelle Nesna, 2009) he won a **Gouden Kalf** (Dutch Oscar). More recent work includes the music for the feature films *Open Seas* (2018) by Michiel van Erp, *Sonne* (2020) by Jelle Nesna and *Zina* (2021/2022) by Michaël Middelkoop. For the music of *Open Seas*, he was nominated for a second **Gouden Kalf** at the 2019 Dutch Film Festival.

In 2015 Perquisite established **BAM!**, the Dutch Songwriters Society, together with a group of like-minded songwriters, of which he is chairman until 2020. By now **BAM! Popauteurs** has more than 500 members and is the biggest songwriter society in the Netherlands.

The music composed and/or produced by Perquisite has gained more than 90 million streams on Spotify.

## **DISCOGRAPHY (ALBUMS/EPS IN BOLD)**

- **Swan - Underneath My Façade (2025)**
- Swan - The Outcome (2024)
- Swan - Sidepiece (2024)
- **Pete Philly & Perquisite - Eon (2024)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - My Stereo (2024)
- **Swan - Underneath My Façade EP (2023)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mayhem feat. Naaz (2024)
- Swan - Wish You Well (2023)
- Swan - No Drama (2023)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Hot Sauce (2023)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Time Flies (2023 remaster) (2023)
- Swan - Yin Yang (2023)
- **Perquisite & Sliderinc - Ik Wist Het: Original Motion Picture Score (2022)**
- Jeangu Macrooy - Birth Of A New Age (2021)
- Jeangu Macrooy - Grow (live) (2020)
- Jeangu Macrooy - Grow (2020)
- Jeangu Macrooy - Second Hand Lover (2019)
- **Jeangu Macrooy - Horizon (2019)**
- Jeangu Macrooy - Shake Up This Place (2019)
- **Perquisite - Niemand In De Stad: Original Motion Picture Score (2019)**
- Jeangu Macrooy - Dance With Me (2018)
- Jeangu Macrooy - How Much I Love You (2018)
- **Jeangu Macrooy - High On You (2017)**
- Jeangu Macrooy - Step Into The Water (2017)
- **Jeangu Macrooy - Brave Enough EP (2016)**
- **Perquisite & Sliderinc - Collected Works (2015)**
- Kris Berry & Perquisite - Birds On Branches (2014)
- Kris Berry & Perquisite - Warm (2014)
- Kris Berry & Perquisite - Let Go (2013)
- **Kris Berry & Perquisite - Lovestruck Puzzles (2013)**
- Kris Berry & Perquisite - Hitchhike (2013)
- **Perquisite & Sliderinc - Freedom EP (2012)**
- **Perquisite - Lotus EP with Renske Taminiau (2011)**
- Perquisite - Blackbirds (2011)
- Perquisite - Dreams Of Gold (2010)
- **Perquisite - Across (2010)**
- Perquisite - Set Me Free (2010)
- **Perquisite - Carmen van het Noorden: De Soundtrack (2009)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Q&A (2007)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mystery Repeats (single, 2007)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Empire (2007)
- **Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mystery Repeats (2007)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Time Flies (2007)
- **Pete Philly & Perquisite - Remindstate (2007)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mellow (2006)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Grateful (2005)
- **Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mindstate (2005)**
- Pete Philly & Perquisite - Insomnia (2005)
- **Pete Philly & Perquisite - Mindstate EP (2004)**
- **North West Metropolis - Expressions EP (2003)**
- **Perquisite - Double Vision EP (2002)**
- **Perquisite - Outta Nowhere EP (2001)**

## **FILMOGRAPHY**

- Ik Wist Het (Jamel Aattache, 2022)
- Zina (Michaël Middelkoop, 2022)
- Sonne / Hidden In The Spotlight (Jelle Nesna, 2020)
- Huisvrouwen Bestaan Niet 2 / No Such Thing as Housewives 2 (Aniëlle Webster, 2019)
- Niemand In De Stad / Open Seas (Michiel van Erp, 2018)
- Huisvrouwen Bestaan Niet / No Such Thing as Housewives (Anniëlle Webster, 2017)
- Hartenstrijd (Janice Pierre, 2016)
- Brasserie Valentine (Sanne Vogel, 2016)
- Wiplala (Tim Oliehoek, 2014)
- Heart Street (Sanne Vogel, 2014)
- Kort (Sanne Vogel, 2013)
- Cabo (Ivan Barbossa, 2012)
- Lotus (Pascale Simons, 2011)
- Klein (Sanne Vogel, 2011)
- Erop Of Eronder (Michiel van Erp, 2011)
- LelleBelle (Mischa Kamp, 2010)
- Mama (Sanne Vogel & Beri Shalmashi, 2010)
- Carmen of the North (Jelle Nesna, 2009)

## **AWARDS**

- Nominated for *Gouden Kalf* at the Dutch Film Festival for *Open Seas* (2019)
- Wins *Duiveltje Award* for Best Dutch Producer (2009)
- Wins *Gouden Kalf* at the Dutch Film Festival for Best Film Music for *Carmen van het Noorden* (2009)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite win *Amsterdamprijs voor de Kunst* (2008)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite win *Silver Harp* (Zilveren Harp) (2006)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite win *Kink FM Live XS Award: Best New Live Act* (2006)
- Pete Philly & Perquisite win *Gouden Greep* for *Most Original Collaboration* (2006)

## **PRESS QUOTES SELECTION**

'AS IF THE DUO HAS FALLEN HEAD OVER HEELS IN LOVE AGAIN, 'EON' THREATENS TO EXPLODE WITH LUST AND JOY.' - **KULTURNEWS, DE - MAY 2024** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - EON)

'BURSTING BACK ONTO THE SCENE WITH A RENEWED SENSE OF PURPOSE AND PASSION, THE AMSTERDAM-BASED PAIR DELIVERS A SOULFUL AND ECLECTIC COLLECTION OF TRACKS THAT EFFORTLESSLY BLEND HIP-HOP, SOUL, FUNK, JAZZ, AND ELECTRONIC INFLUENCES.' - **AMPLIFY THE NOISE, UK - APRIL 2024** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - EON)

'PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE SIMPLY PICK UP WHERE THEY LEFT OFF, AND THEY STILL HAVE THAT SPARKLING UNIQUE SOUND. (...) 'EON' IS A VERY FINE ADDENDUM FROM A DUO THAT CANNOT BE COMPARED TO ANYTHING ELSE.' - **DE GROENE AMSTERDAMMER, NL - MAY 2024** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - EON)

"HIGH ON YOU' MIGHT BE THE BEST DUTCH DEBUT RECORD OF 2017." - **STEFAN RAATGEVER, ALGEMEEN DAGBLAD - APRIL 2017, 4 OUT OF 5** (ON: JEANGU MACROOY - HIGH ON YOU)

"THE COMBINED EFFORT 'LOVESTRUCK PUZZLES' OFFERS THE IDEAL DREAM MUSIC, SMOOTHLY BOUNCING LIKE A TRAMPOLINE, CARRYING THOUGHTS TO DIFFERENT PLACES." - **NRC HANDELSBLAD, NL - SEPTEMBER 2013, 4 OUT OF 5** (ON: KRIS BERRY & PERQUISITE - LOVESTRUCK PUZZLES)

"...IMPRESSIVE DEBUT ALBUM FROM SOMEONE WE'RE GONNA HAVE A LOT OF JOY FROM IN THE NEAR FUTURE." - **JAZZ MAGAZINE, NL - OCTOBER 2010, 5 OUT OF 5** (ON: PERQUISITE - ACROSS)

"EVEN RICHER IN SOUND AND MORE DIVERSE THAN THEIR DEBUT ALBUM" - **VOLKSKRANT, NL - SEPTEMBER 2007, 4 OUT OF 5** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - MYSTERY REPEATS)

"A FANTASTIC, HARMONIOUSLY RICH ALBUM" - **ROLLING STONE, DE - FEBRUARY 2008** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - MYSTERY REPEATS)

"GENIUS!" - **HET PAROOL, NL - APRIL 2005, 5 OUT OF 5** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - MINDSTATE)

"AS MUCH 21st CENTURY SOUL AS HIP HOP GENIUS. (..) ONE OF THE MOST PROFOUND HIP HOP ALBUMS OF THIS YEAR." - **NOTION MAGAZINE, UK - APRIL 2005** (ON: PETE PHILLY & PERQUISITE - MINDSTATE)