

HELMUT »JOE« SACHSE

Helmut Joe Sachse (born 1948 in Mittweida) started out in the East German jazz scene, with whose representatives he almost without exception played. Later he also performed with other international musicians: Carmell Jones, Leo Wright, Mighty Flea Connors, Charlie Mariano, John Tchicai, John Marshall, David Moss, Peter Brötzmann, Tony Oxley, Jack Bruce, Han Bennink and Albert Mangelsdorff. From the nineties onwards he began to incorporate standards – including those from rock music – into his repertoire. His characteristic art of playing has brought him labels such as the Jimi Hendrix of jazz guitar or the high priest and wizard of electric guitar. The Frankfurter Rundschau newspaper eventually named him as Germany's greatest unknown guitarist. In 1990, his two solo records were awarded the „Goldene Amiga“ („Golden Amiga“).