

## Short Biography of Lorenz Grünewald

*Lorenz Valentin Grünewald* was born on April 10, 1987 in Marburg, Germany. He began to play the classical guitar at the age of six and took lessons at the local music school where he learned the basics of playing guitar. At the age of ten, he started to get bored by classical education until he picked up an electric guitar three years later. This should reawaken his interest in music. Under guidance from his old teacher and encouraged by his music loving parents – his mother played classical guitar and piano, his father supplied him with records from the past 40 years – Lorenz rediscovered his love for music and especially in playing the guitar. Later, he joined a local school band where he learned how to play with other musicians. This should be the beginning of a period where Lorenz made big progress in his playing skills – mostly influenced by *Eric Clapton* and *David Gilmour*. He was asked to join a local Rock Band called *Cluster One* that should later become a highly-demanded Cover Band. After achieving his A-Levels in 2006, Lorenz passed the entrance exams at the ArtEZ Conservatory in Enschede. Here, his training as professional session and live guitarist began. At the same time he was asked to join the instrumental Funk Band *The Funky Fellows*. With the joining of vocalist *Lewin Blümel*, the change of name to *blümel* and an overall new musical concept, the group evolved into a promising, German singing young band. *blümel* were nominated in the category “Best Pop Band” at the *Deutscher Rock & Pop Preis 2008* and won the second price in the category “Best Song with German Lyrics”.

Lorenz now also plays in the band of German singer *Lona* as well as in her Acoustic-Duo and works as a sideman for the Singer & Songwriter formation *Lila Strom* and the Dutch Singer *Sjoerd Arends*. In several recording sessions with these artists as well as for commercial music, Lorenz gathered experience as a professional studio musician. At the moment, he is mainly into the music of players like *Michael Landau*, *John Mayer* or *Mike Stern*