

Michael Sorg, born 1960 in Chicago, is a pianist, composer, arranger, and singer. He began piano lessons at the age of 7, and took up the trumpet at age 11. He began his career as a professional musician at the age of 14, playing the piano at the local country club. During high school he won several awards as Jazz Soloist at jazz festivals. In 1978, he enrolled in Jazz Studies at North Texas State University (now the University of North Texas), where he studied with Dan Haerle, Rich Matteson, Jack Peterson, Paris Rutherford, and others. For 20 years he served as a member of US Army bands, 5 years of which he spent as a teacher for Piano, Improvisation, Jazz Combo, and Digital Music Technology at the Armed Forces School of Music in Norfolk, Virginia.

Michael Sorg has performed throughout the USA and Europe in many types of ensembles and participated in several jazz festivals, including North Sea Jazz Festival in Den Haag. He has recorded 1 LP and 10 CDs, the latest of which are "Manitou Awakening" and "Maikäfermalen." On the New Age/Relaxation CD "Manitou Awakening," Michael is also heard playing the harp, trumpet, and various other instruments. "Maikäfermalen" is a jazz CD featuring "The House Concert Ensemble," some of the finest musicians living in Germany, and contains instrumentals as well as several settings of German poems by Ringelnatz, Rilke, and Wedekind, which are sung by Peggy O.

Sorg has performed with well-known jazz and blues musicians such as: Jochen Brauer, Clarence "Gatemouth" Brown, Pee Wee Crayton, Hans Dekker, Hollis Gentry, John Goldsby, Sabine Kühlich, Drori Mondlak, Carolin Pook, Torsten Thomas, Dave Valentin, Eddy "Cleanhead" Vinson, Ernie Watts, and others. He has written numerous arrangements and over 200 original compositions. He has led many types of ensembles including jazz trio or quartet, jazz big band, and small orchestra.

Michael has been living in Siegburg, Germany since 2005 with his wife Peggy Obersiebrasse and their two sons. Together they have presented 4 full-length stage shows featuring songs and poetry in German and English, humorous rapport, jazz, chanson, and the dancing and acrobatic moves of Peggy O. These programs are "Ringelstern," "Morgenmeer," "Federsturm", (Feather Storm) and the latest, "Advent."