

Sketchbook Quartet

Press Info



“When eclectic postmodern chamber jazz meets rock. Rich with detail and a charming compositional finish that leaves you yearning for the unexpected.”
(Andreas Felber, OE1/WDR 3 Jazznacht)



Prog rock, chamber Jazz, dynamic ever-shifting rhythms, unusual instrumentation? Check. Vienna-based Sketchbook Quartet freely play with genre stereotypes. Form surf rock to squealing improv, their unorthodox instrumentation and elaborate compositions, combined with their passion, make for a dynamic fresh and groovy sound. (12 Points Festival-Dublin)

Listening to the tracks of SKETCHBOOK QUARTET, there is definitely an initial element of surprise. Oh, so this is also how jazz can sound like! The music of the experimental friendly Viennese quartet has little to do with jazz in the classical or traditional sense. Not only is the lineup of Sketchbook Quartet rather unorthodox, but the music and sound of Leonhard Skorupa (saxophone, composition), Daniel Moser (bass clarinet), Andi Tausch (guitar) and Hubert Bründlmayer (drums) is also quite unusual, idiosyncratic and untypical for the genre. The music is all about the mood and atmosphere, creating tension that is constantly increased, until it finally reaches its climax with a big bang. Marked by an abundance of warmth and beauty, the music of the quartet hits a captivating tone of jazz that invites the listener to immerse into the music and drift through the sonic events.

References

Jarasum Jazzfestival (South Korea 2022) – Jazz in Ruins (Poland 2022) – Jazzfestival Leibnitz (Austria 2022) – Aglan Jazz Festival (Cyprus 2022) – Saulkrasti Jazzfestival (Latvia 2021) –Südtirol Jazzfestival Alto Adige (Italy 2021) – Juu Jäab Festival (Estonia 2021) –

Green Hours (Rumania 2021) – Leopold Jazz Festival (Ukraine 2021) – Jazz Cerkno Festival (Slovenia 2020) – Nardis Jazz Club (Turkey 2020) – Niavaran Culture Center Teheran (Iran 2020) – Jazzfestival Saalfelden (Austria 2019) – Opus Jazz Club (Hungary 2019) – 12 Points Festival (Netherlands 2019) etc.

Lineup

Leonhard Skorupa – Saxophone, Composition

Andi Tausch - Guitar

Daniel Moser - Bassclarinet, FX

Hubert Bründlmayer - Drums

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Discography

"When Was The Last Time Vol. 1" - Session Work Records



"Very enjoyable album, full of great fun, lots of changes in style and rhythm all the way through it. The Interesting lineup gives it an unusual sound. It seems to move between straight ahead jazz, surfing rock and lots of other stuff inbetween."

(Peter Slavin, thejazz.co.uk)

"Ottos Mops" - Session Work Records



Without a bass, but with a wry sense of humour the band thrives on various forms of musical interaction rooted in the history of jazz, often switching idioms within a single composition; the swift shift between tight arrangements, ensemble playing and into extensive improvisation and soloing – without the presumable backing instruments having the chance to take a nap – being a hallmark of "Sketchbook Quartet."

(David Mochida Krispel, Falter)