

European Jazz Orchestra 2011 – Live in Turku



A lost tire, Polish storks, Stockholm archipelago at sunset and a tune for the icebreaker's son.

- This is contemporary European big band music!

This CD release of the European Jazz Orchestra 2011 demolishes the idea of big band music being an old and dusty genre. Diverse stories in music by Jere Laukkanen and Raul Sööt, told without words, quirky and playful arranged in new ways, and with true respect of tradition.

Working the roads of Europe, the European Jazz Orchestra faced many practical challenges of touring life - a lost tire at full speed being one of them - but the orchestra also experienced the beautiful sunsets in Stockholm, wild Polish storks and the pleasure of every night joining musical forces for a greater good.

The orchestra reached Sigyn Hall in Turku in great shape and time for the live performance broadcasted by the European Broadcasting Union, which is now available on CD.

In 2011, European Jazz Orchestra (EJO) consisted of 17 musicians of both sexes between the ages 18-30 years, deriving from 16 countries in Europe and Canada. The CD contains the vibrant recording of the last concert of 14 and thus the touring experience of the musicians is very evident in the recording.

On the CD you sense the practical hardship on tour and the unique experiences of being together as a diverse and yet harmonious group, every night playing to new and different audiences.

Musically, the CD contains fragile and simplistic tunes as well as hot and agitated Afro-Cuban compositions. Some of the tunes are easily accessible and others give greater challenges. The repertoire is wide-ranging, extensive, and above all catchy.

Have a good concert! Oh, by the way, you will find the composers personal comments written in the cover.

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The music is composed and arranged by Jere Laukkanen (Finland) and Raul Sööt (Estonia). Conductor is Jere Laukkanen.

European Broadcasting Union (EBU), personified by the jazz producer group, selects the best-qualified young musicians from different countries for participation in European Jazz Orchestra. Each year a new team of musicians, a new conductor elected and new musical material are composed.

European Jazz Orchestra 2011 started working in Central Denmark with a 3-day intensive rehearsal period before going on tour in Europe (Denmark, Germany, Poland, Sweden, Norway, Latvia, Estonia and Finland). The recording for this CD was done at the fantastic Sigyn Hall in Turku, Finland and by Finnish radio, YLE.

European Jazz Orchestra 2011 – Live in Turku is a double CD with 11 tunes

CD 1:

1. Rag-a-Muffin' (12:02); Jere Laukkanen
2. Outside Man (8:12); Raul Sööt
3. Kandidaat (6:28); Raul Sööt
4. Air (8:13) Raul Sööt
5. Uhtua (9:24) Jere Laukkanen

CD 2:

1. Obatalá (10:42) Jere Laukkanen
2. What Is This Thing Called Love (8:24) Cole Porter/ Arr. Raul Sööt
3. Jäälohkuja poeg (The Icebreaker's Son) (10:46); Raul Sööt
4. Bulgur (12:06); Jere Laukkanen
5. The Missionary (8:49) Jere Laukkanen
6. Manteca (11:10); Dizzy Gillespie – Chano Pozo/Jere Laukkanen

Line up:

Conductor: Jere Laukkanen (Finland),

Trumpets: Bjarke Nikolajsen (Denmark), Quentin Ghomari (France), Hayden Powell (Norway), Simon Millerd (Canada),

Trombones: Christine Carlsson (Sweden), Patrick Kenny (Scotland), Vid Zgajner (Slovenia), Juliane Gralle (Germany)

Saxophones: Julia Schreitl (Austria), Marike van Dijk (Netherlands), Miroslav Popradi (Slovakia), Emanuele Di Nardo (Switzerland), Markéta Smejkalová (Czech Republic)

Piano and Keyboards: Pablo Held (Germany)

Electric and Double Bass: Peedu Kaas (Estonia)

Percussion: Ivan Tsonkov (Bulgaria)

Drums: Janko Novoselic (Croatia)

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European Jazz Orchestra in the future:'

In 2012, you will find a new line-up of musicians conducted by the Ukrainian composer/conductor Igor Stetsyuk.

To hear the EJO live, please follow the orchestra at www.swinging-europe.dk

The tour of 2012 ends up in National Opera House of Kiev, Ukraine.

About DSI SE

DSI Swinging Europe is a non-profit cultural organisation based in Herning Municipality. DSI Swinging Europe works locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to promote and develop jazz music and by the same token raising awareness of the jazz scene and working with talents within the rhythmic musical genre.

DSI Swinging Europe has a large international network of organisations and individuals, which makes it possible to support national and international career paths for musicians within the rhythmic musical genre and to create events that make waves worldwide.

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