

Biographical Connections

CD



Aki Rissanen // Jussi Lehtonen Quartet with Dave Liebman

On the new album by the Aki Rissanen and Jussi Lehtonen Quartet with Dave Liebman, the past and the future are more closely intertwined than ever. So are the personal biographies of the artists: In 1972, for example, Liebman received a phone call from Miles Davis, inviting him to play on *On the Corner*. Many decades later, an account of that story inspired Jussi Lehtonen to write his own piece "In the Corner", a monolithic tour de force filled with stylistic reminiscences. Similar inspirations from the past, serendipity and complementary contrasts are at the heart of almost every piece here.

Sessions for the new record commenced at the Finnish Broadcasting Company in April 2013. Instead of over-polishing their tunes, the performers opted for a full-on live-approach to bring out the mutual trust as well as the tight and flexible interplay within the constellation. Holding the stylistic contrasts provided by the players together is a pervasive mood of Finnish melancholy, particularly present on "Scriabin", an homage to Russian composer Alexander Scriabin (1872-1915). These unexpected openings are what turn the album into a point of departure for new explorations. Which seems only apt. After uncovering the lines that bind their histories together, after all, the quartet are now free to take them wherever they want to.

Tracklist

01. Scriabin // Aki Rissanen	04:14
02. Three A's // Aki Rissanen	05:57
03. Internal Affairs // Jussi Lehtonen	06:05
04. Pont Marie // Aki Rissanen	08:19
05. Get Over It // Aki Rissanen	06:02
06. Pensativa // Clare Fischer, arr. Liebman	8:08
07. Free Ballad // the Quartett	03:29
08. In The Corner // Jussi Lehtonen	05:58
09. Pastorale // Dave Liebman	07:31
10. The Gong Song // the Quartett	03:44
Total time 53:41	

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Recorded by Hannu Perälä. Mixed by Tommi Vainikainen on December 17th and 19th 2013 at MusicWorks, Helsinki.
Mastered by Svante Forsbäck on January 17th 2014 at Chartmakers, Espoo.

Musicians

Dave Liebman: tenor and soprano sax, wooden flute
Aki Rissanen: piano // Jori Huhtala: bass
Jussi Lehtonen: drums

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