

Lars Winther – "Big Band"



Saxes and flutes:

*Johan Bylling Lang, Aske Drasbæk, Frederick Menzies
Simon Thorsen, Karen Duelund Mortensen*

Trumpets and flugelhorns

Alan Sommer, Jesper Riis, André Bak, Ketil Duckert

Trombones

*Gustav Rasmussen, Kristian Rinck-Henriksen
Sara Steengaard Christensen, André Jensen*

Rhythm group

*Bo Thymann (guitar), Lars Winther (piano, synths)
Martin Krogh Mattuck (bas), Mads Emil Nielsen (tr)*

*Guests: Victor Dybbroe (perc.), Carsten Skov (vibrafon)
Ulla Pihl (vokal), DJ Cars10 (scratch)*

On "Big Band" pianist Lars Winther takes a step back to make room for composer and arranger Lars Winther. To help him do this, he has gathered a stellar team of young Danish musicians.

In the fall of 2009 Lars Winther "pulled the plug" and focussed on the artistic part of music for a while. A life-long dream of recording a big band-album was realized with help from 20 of Lars' favourite musicians – some of the musicians he has enjoyed working with the most in the past years.

Arabic tones and nordic sound

As suggested, the music is composed and arranged by Lars. The album contains seven original compositions in "modern style" for big band. The listener will find traces of inspiration from arrangers and composer such as Ed Neumeister, Geir Lysne, Maria Schneider and fellow-dane T.S. Høeg, but most importantly, the album has an independent expression: Lars mixes elements of everything from electronic music, arabic tones, scratch and the "nordic" jazz-sound into a convincing suggestion of how a big band should sound in 2010.

The album is recorded in Your Favourite Studios in Copenhagen and the further treatment of the recordings has been in the hands of legend Jan Erik Kongshaug in the equally legendary Rainbow Studios in Oslo, where a long line of jazz-greats have recorded and mixed.

Fiery soul with many things cooking

"Big Band" is the follow up to Lars Winthers trio-album "Nordic By Nature" from 2007. But since this release, Lars hasn't been wasting time. He's been touring with both trio and bigbands in a.o. Eastern Europe, China and off course Denmark, released more than 15 albums on his own recordlabel (Your Favourite Records), arranged concerts, recieved the Danish Musicians Unions "Fiery soul"-award, and since november 2009 he's been the chairman of DUP – The Danish Independent Record Labels organization.

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