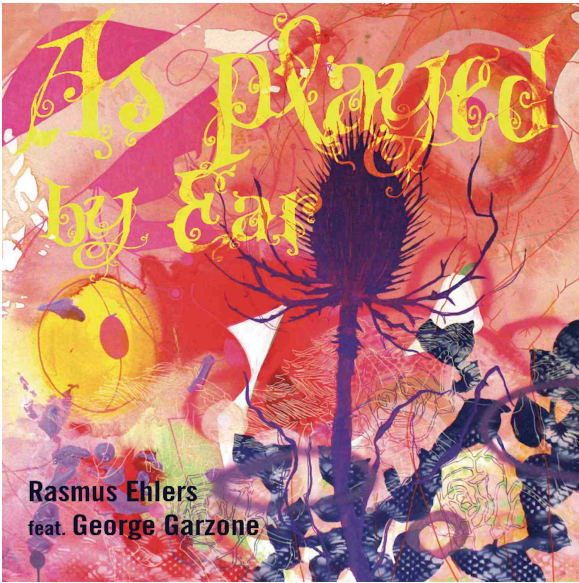


Rasmus Ehlers ft. George Garzone – "As Played By Ear"



Rasmus Ehlers (pno)
George Garzone (tenor sax)
Jonas Westergaard (bass)
Jakob Høyer (drums)

In 2009 the Danish pianist Rasmus Ehlers and the American tenor saxophonist George Garzone celebrated their 10 year musical anniversary. This was celebrated with a live-recording during the Copenhagen Jazzfestival – a recording that has now turned into the album "As Played By Ear"

In 2002 Ehlers and Garzone released the studio-album "Brooklyn Days". Since then the group has played countless concerts, and hence it was natural to release a live-album: "As Played By Ear" has the special live-energy and joy of playing that arises when the group meets onstage.

Ehlers and Garzones quartet also counts bass-player Jonas Westergaard and drummer Jakob Høyer. Today the quartet mainly gets together for the summer-jazzfestivals in Denmark, where a.o. the concert at "JazzCup" has become a ritual for many jazz-listeners.

Much has been written about the quartet – a.o. that «...one has rarely been so close to the sound of the infamous Coltrane-quartet from the first half of the 60's, and still experienced that jazz is a living organism, which never siezes to surprise with new colours and new energies (...) It is American, it is Danish, it is Global, it is tradition, it is renewal. It is life-affirming» (Kjeld Frandsen, Berlingske Tidende, 2007)

Briefly on the group-members:

Rasmus Ehlers released the album "Trinity" in 2009 – by many reviewers called one of the best Danish jazz-albums of the year. George Garzone has grown to be a veteran on the international jazz-scene – he has played with a stellar line of international stars (a.o. Joe Lovano, Chick Corea, Ron Carter, Brian Blade) and taught a number of "new jazzstars", a.o. Joshua Redman and Danilo Perez). Jonas Westergaard received the prestigious Danish Radio "P2 Jazzaward" in 2006 and has played on countless Danish and International releases. Jakob Høyer can be found behind the drum-set in rock-band The Raveonettes and is a part of Danish guitarist Jakob Bro's trio.

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