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Cecilie Grundt & Vigleik Storaas



'Cecilie Grundt & Vigleik Storaas' is the new jazz album of Norwegian saxophonist Cecilie Grundt and the award-winning pianist Vigleik Storaas. The album was recorded at Øra Studio in February and releases 21 October 2022 on Grundt Records, the first release on this new label. The album consists of seven classic jazz songs.

Cecilie Grundt and Vigleik Storaas met at the Music Conservatory in Trondheim in 2015, and have since been collaborating in several projects, above all in Cecilie Grundt Quartet. The band released their critically acclaimed album 'Order and Chaos' in 2020, consisting of eight original compositions by Grundt.

On their new album, this duo go straight to the heart of the Great American Songbook and jazz standards, the common tongue of the jazz tradition. In their own words: "This album is unlike any other recording that we have done before because it is our first album consisting entirely of classic jazz songs."

"The album represents something that many people can relate to because it interprets familiar songs. Our main focus was to get the creative energy from spontaneous interplay, and for that reason some of the songs begin with a free-flow improvisation instead of the melody".

TRACK LIST

- 1 **Beatrice** (Sam Rivers)
- 2 Four (Miles Davis)
- 3 Stella by Starlight (Victor Young)
- 4 All The Things You Are (Jerome Kern)
- 5 Rhythm-A-Ning (Thelonious Monk)
- 6 **Body and Soul** (Johnny Green)
- 7 **Night and Day** (Cole Porter)

Vigleik Storaas is one of Norway's foremost pianists with an impressive productive artistry as well as an important educator at the Music Conservatory in Trondheim. Since the 80's he has played and toured internationally and released several solo albums. His first two albums 'Bilder' [Pictures] and 'Andre Bilder' [Other Pictures] received the Norwegian Grammy Award in 1996 and 1998 (Vigleik Storaas Trio). Vigleik Storaas has collaborated with, among others, Trondheim Jazz Orchestra, Knut Riisnæs, Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen, Karin Krog, John Surman, Warne Marsh and John Scofield.

Cecilie Grundt is a Norwegian saxophonist/composer, educated at the Music Conservatory in Trondheim (2018). She has toured and played with her own bands and released two critically acclaimed albums: 'Contemporary Old School' (2019) and 'Order and Chaos' (2020). Cecilie Grundt has collaborated with bands such as ØyvindLand, Cosmic Swing Orchestra, Bjergsted Jazz Ensemble and John Surman, Trondheim Jazz Orchestra & Come Shine and Alternatilla All-Woman Jazz Band.

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The new album includes the singles Body and Soul (August 19th), Beatrice (September 23rd) and Stella by Starlight (October 7th).

PERSONNEL

Cecilie Grundt - tenor saxophone Vigleik Storaas - piano

ALBUM CREDITS

Recorded February 12, 2022 by Jo Ranheim, at Øra Studio, Trondheim.

Mixed by Jo Ranheim at Øra Studio, Trondheim.

Mastered by Jacob Worm at FinlandStudio, Aarhus.

Cover artwork design by Nina Eide Holtan.

Photography and video by Juliane Schütz.

Produced by Cecilie Grundt.

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TOUR DATES 2022

October 27 - Tromsø Jazzklubb, Tromsø, Norway October 28 - Kulturhuset Utsikten, Fauske, Norway October 29 - Sortland Jazzklubb, Sortland, Norway November 6 - Kampenjazz, Oslo, Norway

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