

Christoph Irniger Trio

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Raffaele Bossard, Kontrabass

Ziv Ravitz, Schlagzeug



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After the acclaimed album 'Gowanus Canal' in 2012, 'Octopus' is Christoph Irniger's second release with his trio of Raffaele Bossard (double bass) and Ziv Ravitz (drums) on Intakt Records. Irniger is a master of orchestration and rejects the hierarchy of soloist-plus-rhythm. Instead of using the compositions as springboards for solos, he finds interesting ways for the improvisations to underline the compositional characteristics. Melody, arrangement, improvisation: the trio fuse them all into one tightly integrated and alluring package,' writes American jazz critic Kevin Whitehead. The pieces celebrate melody without once degenerating into the trivial. They are tone poems which demonstrate that accessible melodies and complex tonal worlds need not be mutually exclusive and can in fact make sense of each other.

Glenn Astarita writes on All About Jazz: *"Young Swiss saxophonist, composer Christoph Irniger is one to watch. His blossoming stature on the European jazz scene is partly due to his invigorating and meticulous compositional approach."*

The Christoph Irniger Trio was formed in New York 2011 and played many concerts since in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, France and the USA. All three musicians play in various other groups in Europe and the USA and in their short careers they have already had the opportunity to play and learn with jazz heavy-weights such as Joe Lovano, Ron Carter and Kurt Rosenwinkel.

„...a homegrown rising young sax star“ (Jazzwise Magazine, UK)

More Infos: www.christophirniger.com

Musicians

The bandleader und tenor saxophonist **Christoph Irniger**, born 1979 in Zürich, works with musicians in Switzerland, New York and Berlin, in established formations with musicians including the drummer Nasheet Waits and the saxophonist Ohad Thalmor. Irniger founded the Christoph Irniger Quartett / Trio, the bands Pilgrim and Cowboys from Hell, and was sideman und co-leader of NoReduce, R.I.S.S. and the Lucerne Jazz Orchestra. He studied at the Musikhochschule Luzern with Christian Grab and Nat Su.

The double bassist **Raffaele Bossard**, born 1982 in Los Angeles, studied with renowned bassists such as Heiri Känzig and is leader of his own band, Junction Box. Bossard is sideman in Mats-Up, trumpeter Matthias Spillman's band, and also plays in the collective NoReduce.

The drummer **Ziv Ravitz**, born 1976 in Be'er-Scheva in Israel, is a member of the Lee Konitz New Quartet, the Shai Maestro Trio and the Yaron Herman Group. An important figure in the Israeli jazz scene, Ravitz is currently one of the most sought-after percussionists in New York, where he lives.

Releases



Gowanus Canal, 2013
(Intakt 223)



Octopus, 2015
(Intakt 253)

Links

Music (Soundcloud): <https://soundcloud.com/cbi/sets/christoph-irniger-trio>

Video (Youtube Channel):

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=H_N5NBsGhEw&list=PLFURwqgxj8dp_yPMStbeCzfbkAYqIXt6

Press

"(...) facing history head-on and finding the means to reconcile it with a personalized sound." **Derek Taylor, *Dusted Magazine* (US)**

"This music was recorded in the winter of last year and has something of a lacerating quality of a masterpiece. (...) a delightful ensemble sound that is full of energetic excitement, brilliance and the genuine avant-garde spirit."
Raul da Gama, *JazzDaGama* (CA)

Complete press concerning „Octopus“: <http://intaktrec.ch/rev253-a.htm>

Christoph Irniger Interview „Emotion in Music – Seeking the perfect Line“ im Cadence Magazine, 2015: http://intaktrec.ch/christophirniger_cadance-a.htm

Presspics

Presspic 1 (by Ulla C. Binder):

http://www.christophirniger.com/media/hires/TRIO_Band_by_Ulla_C_Binder.jpg

Presspic 2 (Daniela Weinmann):

http://www.christophirniger.com/media/Trio/Band1_30x20_300dpi_by_Daniela_Weinmann.jpg

Pressepics 3 Live (by Peter Purgar): http://intaktrec.ch/pressebilder/253_photo.jpg

Concerts

Upcoming concerts:

<http://www.christophirniger.com/en/live/>

Past concerts: <http://www.christophirniger.com/en/projects/trio/?date=all>

Tours in Switzerland, Germany, Austria, France and USA.

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