

Blattwerk Saxophone Quartet presents its new repertoire

The motto “four saxophonists, four epochs” has remained. The content is new. The Blattwerk Saxophone Quartet has been touring the concert halls since mid-2019 with its completely renovated program. The four musicians have significantly expanded the musical-historical spectrum of their repertoire. In addition to baroque and classical major works or well-known jazz numbers, compilations from the Romantic era, the world of opera and Southeast European folklore have now found their way into the set list. The masterful arrangements reveal a unique musical idea, which forms the typical »Blattwerk“-sound: sometimes wild, sometimes impressive, but also always tender and relaxed.

Highlights include the famous main theme of Beethoven’s “Fifth Symphony” or the wonderfully vibrant third movement from the Brandenburg Concerto No. 6 by Johann Sebastian Bach. From the overture of Gioachino Rossini “The Barber of Seville” makes »Blattwerk« without further ado “A few beers in Seville”. A touch of horror wafts through the hall when the first sound of the eerily beautiful “Danse macabre” by Camille Saint-Saëns is heard. But a few old Blattwerk hits have not taken away the regularity in the program: These include the phantastic arrangement of Mozart’s “Rondo alla Turca” and the cool jazz tune “This here” by Cannonball Adderley. All this is garnished by a moderation whose verbal wit is in no way inferior to the musical esprit.

The Blattwerk saxophone quartet - these are Hartmut Salzmann (soprano and alto sax), Timur Isakov (alto sax and clarinet), Alban Hauser (tenor sax) and Bernd Stich (baritone sax). Concert tours took the musicians to Asia and other European countries.

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