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## KRISTINA BARTA RELEASES HER NEW ALBUM „LOVE AND PASSION“



Pianist & composer Kristina Barta debuted with her album “EMA29” in 2017, where she presented a selection of her early compositions. The base of the lineup for this recorded consisted of bassist Jan Fečo and drummer Marek Urbánek, but the album also featured guests from the Czech Republic and beyond – guitarist Kryštof Tomeček, trumpeter Miroslav Hloucal, as well as the American vibraphonist David Friedman and US-based saxophonist Karel Růžička jr.

This ensemble evolved into Event Horizon – adding saxophonist Nela Dusová to the tried-and-true rhythm section consisting of Fečo, Urbánek and Tomeček. The success and critical acclaim of Kristina’s debut album, which showcased her unique compositional approach, as well as years spent perfecting her newer repertoire resulted in Event Horizon having been invited to perform on Jazzahed! – the world’s biggest trade fair of its kind – thus being the first ever Czech band to perform there.

Her sophomore studio record Love and Passion reflects Kristina’s affinity for the contemporary New York jazz scene and strives to pass on this atmosphere to the listener. Compared to “EMA29”, which draws inspiration mostly from jazz tradition, “Love and Passion” incorporates a more eclectic mix of influences including modern jazz, elements of classical music and pop.

The album is stylistically diverse, yet still bound together with the motif of love and burning passion. Love is expressed in many ways here, be it the love between spouses, lovers, friends and even the love for mankind and life itself. This message of humanity is the centerpiece of this record and it is all the more pressing during a worldwide pandemic.

KRISTINA BARTA  
LOVE AND PASSION



Kristina Barta’s albums come out under the Austrian label Alessa Records. The recording of “Love and Passion” was postponed by 6 months due to the ongoing situation and ended up being recorded in the Czech SONO Records studio under Adam Karlík. Similarly to her debut album, this second CD will not be without special guests. This time Barta invited cellist Šimon Marek and her sister, vocalist Martina Barta, who is also the lyrics author for two of the album’s tunes.

Release date: 17. 4. 2021

Line-Up:

Kristina Barta - Piano, Rhodes, Synth, Vocals

Nela Dusová - Tenor Saxophone, Vocals

Kryštof Tomeček - Guitars, Vocals

Jan Fečo - Bass, Vocals

Marek Urbánek - Drums, Vocals

Featuring

Martina Barta - Lead Vocal (2, 8, 11)

Šimon Marek - Violoncello (2, 4, 6, 7, 8, 11)

All compositions written by Kristina Barta

Lyrics written by Martina Barta (8, 11)

Produced by Kristina Barta

Executive producer Peter Guschelbauer

1. Breathing (3:28)
  2. Virgin in Berlin (7:04)
  3. Personal Bush (5:13)
  4. Secret (5:07)
  5. Life Determination (7:14)
  6. Bye, My Everything (4:56)
  7. Part 2 (1:25)
  8. Love and Passion (3:43)
  9. Tinder (6:08)
  10. Third Night (4:10)
  11. Those Nice Memories (3:19)
- (TOTAL TIME 51:55)

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