

subject: Maaike den Dunnen “Inner Space”

After a highly acclaimed debut, dutch singer-composer Maaike den Dunnen launches her new album *Inner Space* with an international release tour starting November 3rd. Her original approach has already opened many doors for the curly haired, energetic and seemingly always smiling singer. She was a finalist in the European Jazz Competition, a member of the European Jazz Orchestra and a winner of two awards from Downbeat Magazine for ‘Outstanding Performance’. With her highly acclaimed debut *Arrival* (2013), she toured through 10 countries with an all-star band (a.o. North Sea Jazz Festival, Ubud Village Jazz Festival).

The new album *Inner Space* marks the next step: ‘It’s more intimate. When I am writing music, I turn inward. I think we all have this imaginary world within ourselves and I want to take the listener there’.

Ms. den Dunnen has recruited a renowned international team to take on her musical vision. NYC singer-pianist and Grammy Nominee Dena DeRose plays piano and adds colorful touches on Fender Rhodes and synth. The mixing and mastering is done by Stefano Amerio, Grammy nominated engineer for the ECM label. ‘I was super happy with the vibe in the studio. I wanted to have a dreamy sound, and the band really understood where I wanted to go. Besides, we had just so much fun making this record, we all had a blast.’

How could they not? It is difficult to withstand Ms. den Dunnen’s contagious high energy and humor. Her charismatic drive and authentic appear immediately captures a room or an audience. And what better music to truly let go, feel free and sincerely express an emotional palette than jazz?

The international release tour starts off in November and passes Holland (De Doelen, Rotterdam), Germany (BIX, Stuttgart), Austria, Switzerland, Czech Republic (Reduta Jazzclub), a.o. Tour dates are being booked as we speak: Ms den Dunnen has received an invitation to perform at The Kitano Hotel in New York City, Austria (Porgy & Bess), Switzerland (Bird's Eye).

***Inner Space* is a classic mainstream jazz album, consisting of eleven songs, in a fine blend of originals, covers and standards.**



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Early Praise For "Inner Space":

*An album of remarkable depth and feeling - **Jim McNeely***

*Lovely original compositions, all beautifully sung and played - **Norma Winstone***

*A recording with a wonderful vibe, both spiritually and musically - **Dick Oatts***

Personnel:

Maaike den Dunnen - vocals, compositions, lyrics, arrangements, **Thomas Kugi** - tenor- and soprano saxophone, **Dena DeRose** - piano, rhodes, moog, synth, **Milan Nikolic** - bass guitar

Tracks:

Nature's Call (M. den Dunnen)

The Deep (M. den Dunnen)

There Once More (M. den Dunnen)

The Gambler (M. den Dunnen)

Can't Help Falling In Love (Elvis Presley Cover: H. Peretti, L. Creatore, G.D. Weiss)

You Give Me Something (J. Morrison)

Ground Control (M. den Dunnen)

On The Sunny Side Of The Street (J. McHugh / D. Fields)

A Sea Of Waves (M. den Dunnen)

All Inside Your Heart (M. den Dunnen)

Over And Done With (M. den Dunnen)

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