

Maaïke den Dunnen Quintet (NL, AT, IT, SI, RS)

Even before releasing her debutalbum, Dutch jazz-singer/-composer Maaïke den Dunnen gained acknowledgement on an international level. She was mentioned twice in 'Downbeat Magazine', receiving the title 'Outstanding Performance' (USA, 2011). She performed at the North Sea Jazz Festival (NL), as a finalist in the European Jazz Competition 2011. In 2009, she represented the Netherlands in the European Jazz Orchestra 2009 (EU).

With her quintet, featuring some of the highlights on the European/world-wide jazz scene (read below), she performs her own compositions and arrangements. Fresh music that respects the traditional jazz- (and pop-) repertoire, while also allowing its originality to shine strongly. During a concert of the Maaïke den Dunnen Quintet you could be surprised by a 90's "house-hit", a megaphone, or a jazz arrangement made out of a Billy Joel cover... Their vast appeal by both jazz fans and general music-lovers comes from the fact that they incorporate a high musical intelligence and integrity, while making the music accessible through lyricism, humor, and an incredibly infectious energy.



Thomas Kugi – Austria (saxophones) is one of the busiest jazz-saxophonists on the Austrian music-scene. Playing different styles with ease, his collaborations include The New York Voices, Adam Holzman, Gloria Gaynor and Chaka Khan.

Renato Chicco – Italy/Slovenia (piano) played with the Lionel Hampton Orchestra (1990-1991) and was the pianist and musical director for Jon Hendricks & Company (1991-1997). He worked with Woody Shaw, Freddie Hubbard, Wynton Marsalis, Clark Terry and many others.

Milan Nikolic - Serbia (double bass), currently is one of the bassplayers most in demand around Eastern Europe. He worked with a.o. Karl Ratzler, Walt Weiskopf and Ferdinand Povel.

Mario Gonzi - Austria (drums) played in the European Art Farmer Quintet for 14 years. From 1999 to 2008, he was a member of the Vienna Art Orchestra. He worked with Bob Brookmeyer, Johnny Griffin, Benny Golson, Cedar Walton and many more.

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