



jacob christoffersen trio FACING THE SUN

The 38 year old pianist Jacob Christoffersen is no newcomer.

He has always, as the diverse and reliable musician he is, been sought after as a side-man. On the other hand he has never promoted himself and his own music. 6 years have passed since he had his debut as a bandleader with the funky and hardswinging quartet-recording "JazzXperience". Finally the follow-up cd is here with one of the bright shining talents of Danish jazz, "Facing the sun", a trio recording, showing that Jacob Christoffersen belongs to the elite of Scandinavian piano-players.

Jacob Christoffersen has never actually seen himself as a bandleader, until now. He has always considered himself as someone supporting others, but now the time was right to try out leadership. Jacob Christoffersen has a story to tell.

It is the classical American tradition of jazztrios that is the inspiration for Jacob Christoffersen and his trio. Most of the tracks on the record are original compositions by Jacob Christoffersen. As a composer he has tried to combine catchy tunes with complex harmonic structures. Geniuses as Herbie Hancock and Keith Jarrett with their rhythmic and melodic approach to the music, has helped as an inspiration in his career, but the main inspiration for playing and composing comes from his everyday life. Melancholy and romance live side by side with the more outgoing and hard-swinging inputs in his music.

Jacob Christoffersen praises his co-musicians on this record, the bass-player Jesper Bodilsen and the drummer Jonas Johansen. "Words and instructions are hardly necessary, they give so much to the music, they are truly great players".

The trio plays well together with a mixture of nice swinging up-tempo tunes and beautiful and sensitive ballads. And Jacob Christoffersen is flying at the moment, this is a recording you can't ignore. Jacob Christoffersen trio FACING THE SUN is out now.

Jacob Christoffersen (p), Jesper Bodilsen (b), Jonas Johansen (dr).

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