

PRESS RELEASE

Music from four saxophones and four centuries

The motto "Four saxophonists, four epochs" has remained. The content, however, is new. The Blattwerk Saxophone Quartet is touring the concert halls with its new program. The four musicians have significantly expanded the music-historical spectrum of their repertoire. In addition to major baroque and classical works as well as well-known jazz numbers, compositions from the Romantic period and the world of opera have now also found their way into the set list.

The masterful arrangements reveal a unique musical idea that forms the typical foliage sound: sometimes wild, sometimes imposing, but also delicate and serene. Highlights include Beethoven's "Fifth Symphony", Rossi-

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ni's "Barber of Seville" – Blattwerk brews "A Few Beers in Seville" – and Saint-Saëns' "Danse Macabre". The four saxophonists give free rein to their admiration for the genius of the Baroque masters in the creative arrangements of Bach's and Handel's musical art.

Sonny Rollin's swing number "Doxy" is cool. Antônio Carlos Jobim's "Água de beber" shows the noble serenity of bossa nova. And with the groovy version of Beethoven's "Ode to Joy", Blattwerk dances light-footedly and highly artistically back and forth between the worlds of classical music and jazz.

Crossover at its best!



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Four saxophones, countless concerts

Founded in 2008, Blattwerk has since performed successfully in countless concert halls in Germany and abroad and released its first CD album in 2012 under the title "Debut". The CD production "2hoch2" has been on the market since summer 2022. Highlights of the recent past have been concert tours to Turkmenistan and Lithuania and a performance in front of around 10.000 guests as part of the Festival of Lights at Benrath Castle in Düsseldorf.

Alban Hauser Soprano Sax

Timur Isakov Alto sax and clarinet

Hartmut Salzmann Tenor Sax **Ivan Jones** Baritone Sax



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Excerpts from the repertoire

Classical/Baroque

- Barber of Seville Gioachino Rossini
- **Fifth Symphony** L. v. Beethoven
- Ode to Joy L. v. Beethoven
- Adagio from "Pathétique" L. v. Beethoven
- Danse macabre Camille Saint-Saëns
- Fuge a-minor J.S. Bach
- Concerto Grosso No. 6 G.-F. Händel

Jazz/Latin

- **Doxy** Sonny Rollins
- Água de beber Antônio Carlos Jobim
- Oblivion Astor Piazzolla
- Libertango Astor Piazzolla

Christmas

- We wish you a merry Christmas
- Joy to the world
- O Come, All Ye Faithful
- Maria durch ein Dornwald ging
- **Midwinter Carol**
- Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
- **Christmas Eve in Sarajevo**
- Méditation
- Oh, Heiland reiß die Himmel auf

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