



Nicole Johänttgen

Labyrinth II

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Nicole Johänttgen – saxophone/voice

Jon Hansen – tuba

David Stauffacher – percussion/drums

All compositions by Nicole Johänttgen except “Hark” by Jon Hansen and “Colores” by David Stauffacher. Produced by Nicole Johänttgen. Recorded by Jon Hansen at BeJazz Club, Berne, Switzerland, on July 29-30, 2024. Mixed by Jon Hansen. Mastered by Uwe Schwidewski.

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“Labyrinth II” is dynamic, tender, powerful and with a good dose of groove. With a minimal line-up, the band with Nicole Johänttgen on saxophone and vocals, Jon Hansen on tuba and David Stauffacher on percussion and drums is a real powerhouse.

The three artists create musical fields of tension between poetry and trance scenarios full of wild melodic escapades and worldly rhythms. All with the feeling of walking a labyrinth. They wander towards the center and move away again. It is an interplay full of emotions. The new album is all about love.

If you see the trio live, you will be completely drawn into their spell, whether you like it or not. Jazz is and remains freedom at play. Despite their different backgrounds, the three musicians meet on stage with the utmost respect. The focus is on listening and learning from each other. Music is an irrepressible force that encourages and sensitizes.

The band's line-up of saxophone/voice, tuba and percussion/drums is unusual. While the compositions on the first album were created in a rush, the band places great value on the finesse of the individual songs on the second CD recording and worked on the music for several months before going into the studio. Johänttgen's strong melodic playing and variety of techniques merge with the pumping tuba and the delicate rhythms. Selected grooves such as “Afoxe” or the instrument “Pandeiro” can be heard on Labyrinth II. All in the spirit of “make a lot out of a little”. An exciting and varied album!

The three artists come from Germany, the USA and Switzerland and all live near Zurich with their families.

Nicole Johänttgen has recorded 32 albums to date, 28 of which have been released. She has received several awards, is an influencer on social media and was awarded the Lichtenburg Prize in May 2023.

„Nicole has something very special in her playing – a big and generous heart. An exceptional energy!“
David Liebman

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