

BLAER {blaer}

Presstext

BLAER's music is quiet yet powerful. No sound is excessive here, everything has its place. Repetitive piano patterns, spherically floating saxophone lines and drifting beats define this Minimal Jazz, reduced to the bare essentials. Throughout its ten years of existence, the quintet around pianist and composer Maja Nydegger has never done things halfway, thus carving out a name for itself in the jazz Swiss scene.

Bio

BLAER was formed in 2013 and brought together five active musicians of the young Swiss jazz scene: **Maja Nydegger** on piano, **Nils Fischer** and **Claudio von Arx** on bass clarinet and saxophone, **Simon Iten** on double bass and **Philippe Ducommun** on drums. During a longer stay in Denmark, Maja Nydegger composed the music for the very first album of the band ten years ago. With their debut, BLAER was nominated as one of six young Swiss bands for the ZKB Jazz prize in 2015. The second album OUT OF SILENCE followed in 2017. Three years later, the band released their third album YELLOW with Ronin Rhythm Records, the label of Zurich pianist Nik Bärtsch. Through regular touring in Switzerland and abroad, including shows on renowned stages such as Montreux Jazz Festival and Cully Jazz Festival, the band has over the past years become an integral part of the Swiss jazz scene. In 2023, BLAER celebrated its ten-years anniversary with the release of its fourth album PURE.

Line Up

Maja Nydegger: Piano, Composition
Nils Fischer: Bassclarinet
Claudio von Arx: Saxophone
Simon Iten: Bass, fx
Philippe Ducommun: Drums

Press Quotes

„A Masterclass in less is more.“
The Progressive Aspect

„Music that is positively intoxicating, irreversibly enchanting.“
Bird is the worm

„An ensemble of real promise, with early signs of a distinctive and individual sound emerging.“
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