



JBBG - jazz bigband graz

DIRECTED BY HEINRICH V. KALNEIN & HORST M. SCHAFFER

ELECTRIC POETRY & Lo-Fi Cookies

In its seventh year of existence the **JBBG - jazz bigband graz** under leadership of German saxophonist **Heinrich von Kalnein** and Austrian trumpeter **Horst-Michael Schaffer** is definitely a strong and unique voice on the European bigband map. The members of the band comprise of some of Austria's best musicians as well as some of the most prolific soloists from Germany, Switzerland, Slovenia and the U.S. Their last programs tore up the houses in Europe's best Jazzclubs as well as at the 2006 IAJE Convention in New York and at the North Sea Festival as well as the German Rheingau festival (together with the Grammy-winning a-cappella group Take 6).

With their **newest album 'Electric Poetry & Lo-Fi Cookies'** the band makes a huge leap forward. Composed by Horst-Michael Schaffer and produced by both of the bandleaders *'Electric Poetry & Lo-Fi Cookies'* combines the cool electronic sounds of today's clubscene with the power and sophistication of the 17-piece **jazz bigband graz**. High-virtuoso and energetic solos are framed by strong melodies and counterpoint, which lead to musical excursions to Minimal Music as well as to Argentina and Africa. As a special guest they invited Berlin-based Theremin artist Barbara Buchholz providing a few very special sounds with her ancient electronic instrument. On top of this leader Horst-Michael Schaffer himself surprises as a superb and convincing vocalist.

Recorded at the renowned German Bauerstudios and mixed by Viennese sound guru Dietz with this production the European top-notch ensemble sets another milestone in jazz. **European Bigband Jazz on the edge of tomorrow!**

„... The jazz bigband graz has produced a rich album for tomorrow – music for the head, the heart and the foot that gives a purpose to the large ensemble in the 21st century...“
(Colin Towns)

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