



Håvard Fossum / Børge-Are Halvorsen Quartet

Examination of What

Håvard Fossum was born 1971 in Trondheim and he moved to Oslo in the year 2000.

He has a master in "Jazz Sax Performance at "The Frost School Of Music" at the University of Miami in Florida. In 1999 he toured for two months with the Tommy Dorsey Orchestra. He is playing in several both big bands and smaller bands. As a freelance musician he has been involved in many TV shows. He is also a renown arranger and composer.

Børge-Are Halvorsen was born in Lillehammer and he moved to Oslo in the year 2003. He practises as a teacher at Norges Musikkhøgskole (Norway's Music high school) and at the University in Oslo. He is also a renown composer and arranger. He has played in many famous Norwegian bands like "Dance With A Stranger", "Chipahua", "Paperboys" ao.

They met each other for the first time in 2002 both playing in Gerald Wilson Orchestra at a concert in Oslo. They soon realised that they had a point of intersection in music and that led to the formation of this quartet as well as a long and lasting friendship.

It has been a good deal of "tenor battles" in the music history. Just to mention a few: Zoot Sims/Al Cohn, Lester Young/Coleman Hawkins, Sonny Stitt/Gene Ammons, however it was the legendary Elvin Jones Live At The Lighthouse with Steve Grossman and Dave Liebman that gave them the kick to play the way they do now. The piano-less quartet is a demanding medium, but it gives the saxophonists a lot of freedom. They take up the challenge with relish and with respect, and the result is extremely rewarding. This kind of quartet playing would not work at all without the best possible rhythm section. Brother **Jens Fossum** on bass and the dynamic drummer **Håkon Mjåset Johansen** are cooking up rhythms and grooves that fits this music perfectly.

You will find that this music has different layers and moods, but if you like the saxophone sound – a lot of saxophone sound, this CD is a must.

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