

European Jazz Ensemble 35th anniversary 2011

The music of this cooperatively led Ensemble has a strong affinity to both tradition and renewal and endeavours at all times, through a subtle appreciation of jazz history, to create an idiosyncratic and up-to-date mode of expression. Charisma, message and spirituality are undoubtedly part of the experiential essence of these musicians - which is why they cannot and will not blindly copy what has gone before, but aim instead to supply continuity with a unique touch. Ali Haurand, a "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des Lettres" (France 2005), has as bassist and bandleader of the European Jazz Ensemble made music history.

Jazz originated in America. A music based on the melodic and harmonic structures of the European classical tradition and heavily influenced by the rhythmic feeling of the Africans who were brought as slaves to America, it has developed far beyond its roots. Early in the century, the Europeans welcomed jazz with open arms and improvisation returned to the musical landscape of the continent. The first independent developments in European jazz can be traced to Django Reinhardt and his quintet "Hot Club de France". A broad, original European contribution to jazz, however, was first made by "Free Jazz" era. The independent identity and the intensity of expression which has developed since that time allows us to speak of a true European jazz or "Euro-Jazz". Of course, this expression has nothing to do with stylized, "jazzed up" European traditional music. The EUROPEAN JAZZ ENSEMBLE brings together some of the leading musicians of Euro-Jazz. Formed in 1976 as a quintet with Alan Skidmore, Leszek Zadlo, Gerd Dudek, Ali Haurand and Pierre Courbois, the ensemble radically changed its membership in 1982. Ali Haurand and Gerd Dudek remained and were joined by E. L. Petrowsky, Allan Botschinsky, Manfred Schoof, Rob van den Broeck and Tony Oxley, since 1988 Tony Levin forming the basic group of the EUROPEAN JAZZ ENSEMBLE. For the 13th Anniversary Tour in 1989, Enrico Rava, Philip Catherine, Uschi Brüning and Louis Scalvis have been invited to participate. In 1991 the EUROPEAN JAZZ ENSEMBLE with Joachim Kühn met the Khan Family from India. For the 20th Anniversary Tour in 1996, the ensemble invited Charlie Mariano, Joachim Kühn, Enrico Rava, Conny Bauer, Jiri Stivin, Daniel Humair, Tony Lakatos and Rolf Kühn to participate. In 2001 for the 25th anniversary the Ensemble invited Paolo Fresu, Trumpet from Italy and Austrian Bassplayer Adelhard Roidinger to participate. 2002 the Ensemble went to USA for Concerts in New York and three Concerts at the Rochester Jazzfestival, USA.

Tour 2011 - 35th anniversary

Alan Skidmore * Stan Sulzmann * Gerd Dudek, saxophones * Jiri Stivin, flutes * Matthias Schriebl, tp. * Rob van den Broeck, piano * Ali Haurand, bass * Clark Tracey, drums and Concerts with Nicolas Simion, sax. cl. * Piotr Wojtasik, tp.

Tour 2006 – 30th anniversary

Alan Skidmore * Rob van den Broeck * Joachim Kühn * Charlie Mariano * Gerd Dudek * Ali Haurand * Jiri Stivin * Stan Sulzmann * Matthias Schriebl * Tony Levin * Pino Minafra * Sébastien Boisseau * Daniel Humair * Conny Bauer * Manfred Schoof

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Discography

European Jazz Quintet "Live at the New Jazzfestival Moers feat. Alan Skidmore, Ali Haurand, Leszek Zadlo, Pierre Courbois, Gerd Dudek Moers Music 01122 * New edition: Moers Music 01018	1977 & 1978
European Jazz Quintet "Friends" EGO Records, Munich 4012	1979
European Jazz Ensemble "No. III" Fusion - Bellaphon Fusion 8010	1982

European Jazz Ensemble "Live at the International Jazz Festival Viersen" feat. Steve Galloway, Tony Oxley, Allan Botschinsky, Manfred Schoof and others. EAR-Rational ECD 1011	1987
European Jazz Ensemble "Live at the Cologne Philharmonic Hall" MA Music 801 feat: Philip Catherine, Enrico Rava, Manfred Schoof, Ernst-Ludwig Petrowsky and others.	1989
European Jazz Ensemble feat: Joachim Kühn, Philip Catherine, Ustad Munir Khan - "European Jazz Ensemble meets the Khan Family, India" MA Music - Hamburg CD A 807-2	1992
European Trumpet Summit Enrico Rava, Thomas Heberer, Allan Botschinsky, Jarmo Hoogendijk Konnex Records, Berlin KCD 5064	1994
European Jazz Ensemble "Live 20th Anniversary Tour" (18 musicians from 10 European countries) feat: Joachim Kühn, Rolf Kühn, Daniel Humair, Charlie Mariano In co-operation with WDR, Cologne * Konnex Records, Berlin KCD 5078	1996
European Jazz Ensemble "Live 25th Anniversary Tour" (18 musicians from 10 European countries) feat: Joachim Kühn, Paolo Fresu, Alan Skidmore, Daniel Humair, Charlie Mariano Konnex Records, Berlin KCD 5100	2001
Ali Haurand & Friends (European Family) Konnex Records KCD 5145 – Charlie Mariano – Jiri Stivin – Alan Skidmore – Gerd Dudek – Rob van den Broeck – Ali Haurand – Daniel Humair – Tony Levin	2005
DVD European Jazz Ensemble from 1985 – 2002 - 123 minutes Television Concerts -	2006
European Jazz Ensemble "Live 30th Anniversary Tour" 2006 (16 musicians from 10 European countries) feat: Joachim Kühn, Pino Minafra, Matthias Schriefl, Alan Skidmore, Daniel Humair, Charlie Mariano - Konnex Records, Berlin KCD 5225	2009
European Jazz Ensemble "35 th anniversary" live 25 th Jazzfestival Viersen Alan Skidmore, Gerd Dudek, Stan Sulzmann, Matthias Schriefl, Jiri Stivin, Rob van den Broeck, Ali Haurand & Clark Tracey.	2011

Dates in chronological order:

1976-78: Moers New Jazzfestival, tours in Italy, Switzerland. First record "Live" from the Jazz Festival Moers. Festivals: Madrid, Volksbühne Berlin (GDR), UK tour.

1979: Festivals: Hildesheim, Burghausen, Neuss, Freiburg/Brsg., Berlin ("Jazz in the Garden" National Gallery), Leipzig, Ljubljana, Milan and Bordeaux.

1980-85: Radio recordings: WDR Cologne, BR Munich, Rias Berlin, BBC London. Second vinyl recording for EGO Records, Munich. Tours: Scandinavia, the UK, the Netherlands, the GDR and Poland. Third LP: "Friends", Bellaphon - Fusion.

1984: Jazz festivals feat: Kenny Wheeler and Eje Thelin; Kongsberg-Norway, North Sea Jazz Festival, The Hague, Bracknell/London Jazz Festival and Camden Art Festival London University feat: Tony Coe. Radio recordings: WDR Cologne and BBC London.

1985: Performances feat: Enrico Rava and Joachim Kühn: Balve Festival, Rocella Ionica, Italy, Bologna and Rome Festivals. Tours in Austria, the GDR and Italy. Historical Museum Frankfurt.

1986-88: Leipziger Jazztage, Festival Rottweil, concerts in Southampton, Cardiff, Glasgow, London and Birmingham, Amsterdam, Rotterdam, Zurich, Basel and Geneva. Performance at the International Jazz Festival Viersen in association with WDR Television. TV broadcasting, ARD, 60 minutes. Radio recordings in Munich, Federal Republic, the Netherlands, KRO and TROS. Tours in Norway, Denmark and Sweden. TV broadcasting 1987-12-27 WDR Quintet, Theatre House, Stuttgart (SDR Television), Südwestfunk Baden Baden, Circus Roncalli, Cologne and tour through the UK.

1989: Concerts in Holland, Luxembourg, WDR Cologne (radio and television) "Jazz vor Mitternacht", 60 minutes, concerts at the Cologne Philharmonic Hall, CD recording: "Live at the Philharmonic Hall", MA-Music, Hamburg. Festivals: Ensemblia, Mönchengladbach, Bath Festival, UK, NDR studio concert, Hamburg, Pori Jazz Festival, Finland, Frankfurter Palmengarten, Jazz Festival Viersen, ZDF Jazzclub of the Leverkusener Jazztage. Canada tour: Toronto, Vancouver, Calgary, Edmonton, Victoria besides other cities.

1990: Burghausen Jazz Festival with BR TV, 60 minute recording, 1990-10-09 ZDF Jazzclub, 3-sat TV, festivals in Göteborg, Sweden, in co-operation with the Swedish Radio Broadcasting Company, Stockholm. Performances at the 32nd International Jamboree in Warsaw, Poland with radio and television. Concerts in Belgium, Morocco and Austria.

1991-92: Heilbronn Music Performance, EJE with Joachim Kühn and the Indian Khan Family for WDR Cologne. Concerts in Bielefeld, at the University of Cologne, the Theatre House in Stuttgart (TV) and at the Hamburg Jazz Festival (NDR) in the "Factory". Tours: France, England, Strasbourg Jazz Festival, Festivals in Cardiff, Wales and in the Jena Kulturarena.

1993-1995: Second Canada tour: Vancouver, Winnipeg, Saskatoon, Quebec, Ottawa (National Gallery), Edmonton; concerts in Manchester, Birmingham, London and Cardiff. Television concerts in Cologne (WDR) and London (NBC) "Superchannel Talking Jazz", concerts in Amsterdam, Zurich, Cologne (Subway) and Paris. Australia tour in co-operation with the Stiftung Kunst und Kultur des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen (Foundation for Culture and the Arts of North Rhine-Westphalia): Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide, Melbourne and other cities.

1996: 20th Anniversary Tour with concerts in Cardiff, Wales, Leverkusen (Theatre Hall), Würselen (Burg Wilhelmstein) together with WDR, Cologne, Ludwigshafen (State Philharmonic Hall) and at the 10th International Jazz Festival Viersen, with WDR Television and 3-sat TV. 8th CD of the Ensemble "20th Anniversary" (Konnex, Records Berlin KCD 5078) with Joachim Kühn, Charlie Mariano, Rolf Kühn, Daniel Humair, E. Rava and others (18 musicians from 10 European countries). CD arrangements by P. Herbolzheimer, Klaus König, Ali Haurand and Joachim Kühn.

1997-2000: TV concert at Kunstfabrik Zikkurat near Euskirchen with WDR Television, Festivals in Paris, Amsterdam, Geneva, Berlin Sommerjazz, Frankfurt Palmengarten, jazz festivals in Terrassa, Spain, and London. Performances at the festival in Sarajevo, the European Jazz Festival in Ivrea, Italy, and in Rabat, Morocco. Tours through the UK, the Netherlands, France, Germany, Dublin, Ireland, and appearance in Prague, Lucerna & Rudolfinum. Concerts in Neubrandenburg, Burg, Dresden, Cottbus, Leipzig and Halle, supported by Köstritzer Schwarzbierbrauerei. Kempten Jazzfrühling, 32nd International Jazz Week in Burghausen together with BR broadcasting station. Jazz Festival in Greifswald with NDR broadcasting station from Hamburg.

2001 – 2006: 25th anniversary tour concerts in Cologne, Siegen with WDR Television & 3 sat TV Siegen – Culture Centre in co-operation with WDR broadcasting station, Paris, Jazz Festival Liège, Madrid, Palatia Jazz Festival Deidesheim, Munich, Karlsruhe.

2002 invitation to New York and the Rochester International Jazz Festival, US concerts with Sonny Rollins, Terence Blanchard, Randy Brecker. Tour through the UK and France.

2003 and 2004 Concerts at the Istanbul Jazz Festival/Turkey - concerts in Scandinavia – Finland. Jazz Festival Tornio & Denmark and tour of Germany and Austria with the European Jazz Quintet.

2006 – 2010: 30th anniversary tour 2006 Concerts in Karlsruhe, Paris, Ingolstadt (Audi Museum) Amsterdam, (Bim Huis), 20. Int. Jazzfestival in Viersen & WDR Television, 3 sat TV and ORF Vienna, Festhalle Viersen, Milano, Bonn Museum-NRW, Dublin & Cairo. CD 2006 recorded with 15 musicians at the Philharmonic Hall Essen and SWR Concert Karlsruhe. Concerts from 2007 until 2010 in London, Paris, Prag, Pilsen, Jazzfestival Saarbrücken, Vienna, Steyr Jazzfestival, Düsseldorf with Klaus Doldinger, Oslo, Norway and Madrid, Spain.

2011: 35th anniversary tour. Concerts with our Ensemble Jazzfestival Hradec-Kraloce, Czech Republic, Jazzfestival Novi Sad, Serbia, Wroclaw Jazzfest, Poland, Festival Perugia / Umbria, Italy, 19. Int. Jazz Rally Düsseldorf June 2011 (Parliament House NRW) 25th Int. Jazzfestival Viersen & WDR Television and Berlin, Bonn, Viersen, Düsseldorf, Passau, Munich, New CD December European Jazz Ensemble, Octet Konnex Records, Berlin KCD 5281 with Alan Skidmore, Gerd Dudek, Stan Sulzmann, Matthias Schriefl, Jiri Stivin, Rob van den Broeck, Ali Haurand & Clark Tracey.