

Ali Haurand

The name Ali Haurand is associated with many diverse groups, projects and international touring ensembles. As a bassist and band leader, a tireless initiator and inspirator, the jazz musician from lower Rhine Viersen in Germany has been able to add to European musical history.

For many years the „European Jazz Ensemble“ which was co-founded by Ali Haurand, has consisted of ever changing new members. It has formed a nerve and vital communications centre, a sort of creative melting pot for European jazz musicians.

Even though the focus in Ali Haurand's music has always been on the contemporary, he does not deny his ties with the tradition of modern jazz through his experience of playing and his various musical encounters.

He still had the chance to tour with musicians such as for instance Philly Joe Jones, Ben Webster, Don Byas, John Handy, Bobby Jones and Wilton Gaynair.

Already by the end of the sixties he had played in the trio and the quartet of the Pianist George Maycock. Then followed his own groups such as „Third Eye“, „The European Jazz Quintet“, as well as the trio „SOH“ together with Alan Skidmore and Tony Oxley.

With his long-term companions, the saxophonist Gerd Dudek and the pianist Rob van den Broeck, Ali Haurand plays in the highly integrated formation „The Trio“. On top of that, projects developed such as the „Trumpet Summit“ or the encounter of the „European Jazz Ensemble“ with members of the Indian Khan family. The cast lists of the bands around Ali Haurand have been regarded for a long time as a „Who's Who“ of the international jazz elite.

It is not surprising that besides Jiri Stivin there are such musicians as Joachim Kühn, Daniel Humair, Charlie Mariano or Alan Skidmore. (Bert Noglik)

Ali Haurand received the french culture-price 2005 as "Chevalier de l'Ordre des Arts et des lettres" of France

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Actual CDs:

European Jazz Ensemble:

Live at the Cologne Philhamonic Hall, MA Music - 800 - 1

EJE meets the Khan Family, MA Music - 802

EJE 20th anniversary tour, Konnex KCD 5078 – 1996

EJE 25th anniversary tour, Konnex KCD 5100 – 2002

EJE 30 years on the road (DVD, 123 min.), Konnex-Records, Berlin – 2006

EJE 30th anniversary tour 2006 CD Konnex-Records, Berlin – KCD 5225 - 2009

EJE 35th anniversary tour 2011 CD Konnex-Records, Berlin – KCD 5281

The Trio: Gerd Dudek – Rob van den Broeck – Ali Haurand

After All, Konnex Records KCD – 5022 – 1992

Pulque, Konnex KCD 5055 – 1993

Crossing Level, The Trio feat. Tony Levin , Konnex KCD 5077 – 1997

MARIANO-HAURAND-HUMAIR - Down Beat - USA 2007 * * * * 1/2

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ALI HAURAND & Friends « Ballads » (Mariano, Skidmore, Dudek, Stivin, Humair Levin & van den Broeck) „Ballads“ KCS 5145 – 2005

Cascaden, Lyrik & Jazz, Drews, Dudek, Haurand, KCD 5181 – 2007

SOH (Skidmore-Oxley-Haurand), Live in London, JW- 016 – 2007

Jiri Stivin – Ali Haurand

Bordertalk, feat. Rob van den Broeck, Konnex KCD 5068 – 1995

Just The Two Of Us, Konnex KCD 5095 – 2000

The Two Of Us “Just More”, Konnex KCD 5200 – 2008

Live in Hralev Kralové, feat. Daniel Humair, QS 0007-2031 – 2008

"Old Wine New Bottled" - Konnex Records - Berlin - KCD 5820 - November 2011