



RIO DANUBIO Erik Rothenstein Band

LATIN-MODERN MAINSTREAM JAZZ

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Rio Danubio contains latin-jazz spirit and connects it with elements of mainstream jazz. The bigger part of this project is made from author's compositions with addition of arranged jazz standards. Blues form and modal approach with afro-cuban patterns, "warm" melodic lines with bossa nova foundation or more complex compositions connected with latin grooves are the heart of this project. In the music can be heard the influence of west-coast tradition. Namely in the standard Here's the Rainy Day, which was dedicated to Paul Desmond and Jim Hall, is the connection clearly reflected and dressed into a subjective approach. The author has with the title composition Rio Danubio also built a bridge to flamenco music. It's based on a classical flamenco rumba harmony and dedicated to Paco de Lucia.

The recording sounds „fresh“, sometimes with dancy sections, which are afterwards succeeded by expressive solos. Not only saxophone, trumpets, guitar or piano, but also percussions and drums have their place. They aren't just accompaniment for the solo instruments, they are of equal value.

The album was recorded in two sessions. On the first one took part a brazilian drummer Andre Antunes and peruan percussionist Eddy Portella, which gave this date a special flavor. On the second session was Eddy also involved together with slovak jazz musicians in the recording. The listener can compare different rhythm section sounds and concepts, which makes this album interesting. On this session was also included a classical singer Eva Šušková who performed with the band M. Ravel's Kaddisch as a farewell to our late friend and trumpet player Martin Ďurdina.



This project brings an unusual conception of combining jazz and latin-american tradition to Slovakia. It was nominated for Slovak jazz Award ESPRIT 2014.

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