

A wonderful album with the taste of Swiss chocolate

A sentence in the press release of the album helps us to understand the general mood of the album. "It doesn't matter where jazz goes as long as it takes the tradition with it." One of the most respected band leader bassists of the Swiss jazz scene or it's better to say international jazz scene, Dominik Schürmann leans on the jazz tradition of the 1950s and 1960s and performs music with 12 original compositions that correspond to today's jazz understanding. In the album *Moons Ago*, released on April 8, Schürmann is an Italian pianist living in Basel. Accompanied by Yuri Storione. Although he is still at the beginning of his career, he has an advanced performance and accompaniment skill. Aydın Esen's mention of Storione as one of the promising musicians of the future made me pay more attention to him. He is one of the important contributors to the album, with his timing as a part of the team and stand out as an improviser. The deeply swinging drumming of Lithuanian drummer Janis Jaunalksnis reinforces the future-respecting nature of the album.

Schürmann's old-school mentality is filled with enough nostalgia to impress an inveterate traditionalist jazz lover like me. But I'm sure contemporary listeners would love the tunes also. His journey in and out of Sinatra classics, passionate ballads, latin grooves, is filled with a quest to find new voices as an uncompromising traditionalist.

In this quest, he found the right name to best accompany him. Italian saxophone virtuoso Max Ionata brings to light the modern-vintage blend of the band. Ionata is one of the most impressive tenors of our time with her tremendous improvisations, tempo-defining fluidity, creativity and intonations that match the sound palette of the founding fathers of jazz. He accompanies the team by standing one step behind when we compare with his own recordings on the *Moons Ago* album, but his undisputed beautiful sound naturally brings him to the front line.

The essence of the word; Dominik Schürmann Trio feat. Max Ionata - *Moons Ago* is a beautiful album with the taste of Swiss chocolate that you will enjoy every second of.

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