

DUO Elin & Sakas



Maruan Sakas

piano

Maruan Sakas is at home in many musical fields. This is reflected in his broad range of activities as a pianist, teacher, arranger and composer. In addition to winning several prizes at federal level in „Jugend musiziert“, he was also awarded the first prize for song improvisation at the federal competition for practical piano for music teachers as well as the Steinway prize for young jazz musicians. He is an alumnus of the Deutsche Studiengründung and the Advancement of Young Musicians by Live Music Now. Maruan Sakas currently teaches at the Munich Music Conservatoire; from 2017-2020 he had a professorship at the Dresden Music Conservatoire.

Christian Elin und Maruan Sakas are two border crossers who have joined forces for a special duo: both musicians are equally at home in jazz and classical music and this love of freedom of improvisation and for the clarity of classical form is reflected in their programmes. Standing in the tension field between classical, jazz, minimal music and ethnic reminiscence the duo Elin-Sakas creates a simple and profound music in their two programmes „West Wind“ and „Some kind of blues“ with a great sense of beauty and which is sonically intensified by the great variety of Elin's musical instruments – moving from the deep, dark tone of the bass clarinet to the brilliance of the soprano saxophone and culminating in the magical sounds of the alto flute.

The Duo performs regularly at high level national and international festivals, classical and jazz series and has already given more than 70 concerts at home and abroad since its founding in 2014. Among other engagements, the two musicians were guests at the Berlin Philharmonic, the Jazz Festival Lyon/F, the International Chamber Music Festival, Lago di Garda/1, at the Municipal Theatre Landsberg, at the Jazzfest Munich and at the Festival Musica Badia/1.

With „Some kind of Blues (2017) and „Midsummer Night“ the duo have published two albums that have been widely acclaimed by the professional musical press.

Christian Elin

soprano saxophone,
bass clarinet and alto flute

Christian Elin is much in demand as a soloist, chamber and orchestral musician; in addition to playing with his own formations, he also performs with numerous well-known ensembles such as the Berlin Philharmonic Orchestra, The Ensemble Modern and the Hessian Radio Symphony Orchestra. He received the Bavarian State Prize for the Advancement of Arts and his compositions have appeared to date on 4 CDs under the Munich label raccanto. Christian Elin is a freelance teacher of music and for the past 17 years has successfully acted as his own manager.

These two fine artists have immersed themselves in beauty, high discipline and artistry.

Dave Liebman

The conversations of this duo are universal.
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Maurisch

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