

Live Foyn Friis Quintet

Czech/Norwegian indie-jazz



A seductive, award winning voice,
supported by an inventive, elegant and energetic Intereuropean quartet.
Heartfelt, lyrical songs, in contrast with happy, rhythmical melodies and
joyful, dynamical improvisations.

An intelligent mixture of indie pop and modern jazz.

In the aftermath of a highly successful concert in 2015 at the Copenhagen Jazz Festival, Live Foyn Friis, Lubos Soukup and Stian Swensson were booked for a tour in the Czech Republic supported by a local rhythm section. The collaboration between Norwegian and Czech musicians proved to bring out a lively and playful attitude that has captured their listeners from day one.

Live Foyn Friis Quintet presents a repertoire of Live's indie-jazz-tunes, Lubos' intricate melodies, Stian's compositions based on poems, and offers a warm and airy sound, with the smooth blend of voice and saxophone leading the rhythm section through the land of songs.

The group has toured since 2016. In 2018 they did their third tour with 12 shows in the Czech Republic, Poland and Slovakia.

Live Foyn Friis (NO) – Vocals
Lubos Soukup (CZ) – Saxophone & Clarinet
Stian Swensson (NO) – Guitar
Rastislav Uhrik (SK) – Bass
Martin Novak (CZ) – Drums

Live Foyn Friis

Norwegian singer and songwriter



«Live Foyn Friis has real X-factor» - Jakob Hassing, Jazz Special

With a bunch of award-nominated releases in Denmark, Norway and Japan, a prize for being Denmark's new jazz star, and performances with the likes of Brian Blade, John Scofield and Bobby McFerrin, Live Foyn Friis has established herself as one of the most exciting young singers in Scandinavia. Despite a busy schedule performing in jazz clubs and festivals, she is also working her way up on the pop scene. In 2017 she landed a record deal with the global music label Universal. Live is known for having a voice of exceptional clarity, a playful approach to music, and she is a composer with a deep sense of Nordic lyricism.

'There isn't a single doubt that you are listening to a singer-songwriter of divine grace.' - GAFFA

www.livefoynfriis.com



Lubos Soukup is an award-winning saxophone player and composer from the Czech Republic, living in Copenhagen since 2010. He has released several albums in his own name, the latest featuring African guitar player Lionel Loueke.

In 2017, Lubos was awarded the Danish Musicians Association's talent prize, after being picked out by the great Marilyn Mazur.

www.lubossoukup.com



Rastislav Uhrík is a bass player from Slovakia living in Prague, where he is one of the most sought-after bass players on both the jazz and pop scene.

He has contributed on several albums awarded and nominated for national Grammys.

Rastislav is a highly respected musician known for his warm and elegant sound and his wholehearted dedication to music.



Stian Swensson is a Norwegian guitar player and composer living in Copenhagen. He has released one album in his own name, and has contributed as a sideman on five other albums. His tasty combination of traditional and modern jazz guitar, combined with inspiration from Norwegian music, has taken him to jazz clubs and festivals all over Scandinavia.

www.stianswensson.com



Martin Novák is a drummer from Czech Republic living in Prague, and has since 2002 been performing regularly on both the national and European scene with esteemed Czech musicians like Lenka Dusilova, Jaromir Honzak, Jana Kirschner and David Doruzka. Martin is known in his native country for being particularly good at accompanying singers.

www.martinnovak.com