

CV JAN GUNNAR HOFF, AUDUN KLEIVE, PER MATHISEN

JAN GUNNAR HOFF is now generally acknowledged as one of Norway's leading jazz pianists and keyboardists. He has collaborated with international artists like Alex Acuña, Mike Stern, Pat Metheny, Maria Joao, Kenwood Dennard, Mathias Eick, Tore Brunborg, Lars Danielsson, Cæcilie Norby, Fathy Salama, Martin France, Anders Jormin, Marilyn Mazur, Arve Henriksen, Jan Akkerman and many more. As a composer, solo artist and co-leader Hoff has released 20 albums and composed 250 works for different settings. In 2013 his "Hoff Ensemble" was nominated for US Grammy Awards with the album *Quiet winter night*. In 2014 he received the prestigious Buddy-prize, the highest distinction in Norwegian jazz. and was appointed an official Steinway & Sons Artist.

Jan Gunnar Hoff has performed in Los Angeles, New York, London, Zagreb, Milano, St. Petersburg, Moscow, Kiev, Stockholm, Istanbul, Havana, Riga and other major cities. He is also working as a professor at the Arctic University of Tromsø and at UiA, Kristiansand. Album releases in 2018: *Barxeta II* - with Horacio "El Negro" Hernandez, Per Mathisen; *Polarity* – trio with Anders Jormin and Audun Kleive; *Jan Gunnar Hoff Group feat Mike Stern*.

AUDUN KLEIVE (drums) has a reputation within the jazz community that can best be described as true royalty. His musicianship as a drummer and percussionist is highly respected among his peers, has gained him an established reputation as a vital force in Norwegian and international jazz, and he is a source of inspiration for an entire younger generation of jazz musicians. His artistry is reflected as a participant in well over 100-plus recordings, he has provided the rhythmic foundations for such varied musicians as Terje Rypdal, Jon Balke, Charles Lloyd, and Marilyn Mazur. Voted by the Norwegian Jazz Musician's Union in 1989 as Jazz Musician of The Year, he has continued to be a highly valued artist in constant demand for other projects or as a featured performer. In 2017 he received the Norwegian Buddy- award.

PER MATHISEN (acoustic and electric bass) is a Norwegian jazz musician and composer, known from collaborations with great jazz musicians like Terri Lyne Carrington, Geri Allen, Gary Thomas, Bill Bruford, Alex Acuña, Gary Husband, Ralph Peterson, Nguyen Le and Terje Rypdal. Mathisen has released as many as 15 CD's in his own name and performed in more than 35 countries world wide. Per Mathisen is often referred to as Norway's answer to Jaco Pastorius on electric bass and Niels Henning Ørsted Pedersen on acoustic upright bass. Mathisen is touring extensively with his own trio with Gary Husband and Ulf Wakenius and has his base in Norway and Vienna.