



Østergaard Art Quartet

Østergaard Art Quartet is a collaboration between four unique musicians from three countries. With an unusual combination of instruments and a strong will to look beyond predefined musical roles, they create playful music in a improvised universe of sound. Dissonant and wild grooves, mixed with the most sincere, almost romantic harmonies.

It is an intense meeting of love somewhere between the motorways of Europe and the Nordic tundra.

Kasper Tranberg (DK): trumpet, cornet and flugelhorn

Per Jørgensen (NO): trumpet, vocal and darabouka

Marc Ducret (F): electric and acoustic guitar

Michala Østergaard-Nielsen (DK): drums, percussion

The band was formed in 2009 by the leader Michala Østergaard-Nielsen. Their first performance was at Jazzclub Fasching in Stockholm 2009. The event was a great succes and the band was founded at that time.

Kasper is also a member of Marc's Quintet and Per and Michala met each other at a weekly session for professional musicians in Denmark. The four musicians have now played several concerts together. They play improvised music on a high level with a great sense of presence and intensity in the music.

Together they represent Østergaard Art Quartet - one of the most innovative groups on the Nordic and European music scene today.

Østergaard Art Quartet release their first album, **Stories from the Village**

In November 2011 their first album **Stories from the Village** was released on the Swedish label BoogiePost Recordings, gaining a lot of attention from the media. On their release tour the national Swedish radio broadcast one of their performances live, and interviews with Michala Østergaard-Nielsen have been broadcast in both Swedish and Danish national radio as well in the highly respected Swedish music-magasin Lira. The CD has been very well received by reviewers in Scandinavia as well as internationally.

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Stories from the Village

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Stories from the Village tells stories and tales from late at night in the light of burning candles, during a friendly game of cards. It tells stories from the past and the present. It presents pictures, coming and going: Playing under an orange tree, the storyteller singing about human despair, the lonesome trumpet playing from the battlefield, and the story about a sacred village by the river of Ganges.

Each story has its own universe and as a listener you become trapped in a rare world of curiosity right down to the last note.

1. *Introducing*
2. *Playing under the Orange tree*
3. *The Storyteller*
4. *1815*
5. *Ach du lieber*
6. *Mating Dance*
7. *Varanas*
8. *The Shantymen*
9. *Little tiger*
10. *A Prelude to You*

Please listen to some tracks from the album at:
<http://boogiepost.com/releases/stories-from-the-village/>

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