

TAMARA OBROVAC TRANSADRIATIC QUARTET

NEW ALBUM "TRANSADRIATICUM" (JUNE 2019, ALESSA RECORDS)



TAMARA OBROVAC

Tamara Obrovac (composer, singer and bandleader) is one of the most impressive jazz musicians on the Croatian music scene. Her ethnically inspired contemporary European jazz, is influenced by the particular musical and dialectal traditions of her homeland, the Croatian coastal region of Istria. Her unique music reflects the historical and cultural background of her homeland, at the crossroads between the East and the West, the Mediterranean and the Balkans. With her specific and original compositions, excellent musicians and expressive voice, Tamara creates a unique artistic form in which she effortlessly and logically unites melody and improvisation, sensitivity and passion, formal demands and freedom, ethnic music and jazz, tradition and modernity, serious approach and humour. She published 12 CD's in which she wrote all of the music and she held more than 500 international concerts highly praised by audience and critics. She composes also for film and theatre and has received many awards for her work, including 8 national discography awards Porin - Croatian Grammy.

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Remaining faithful to her expression in which she blends Istrian tradition and contemporary jazz, Tamara presents new compositions written purposefully for this new musical formation of excellent musicians. In this new project, she has once again given a unique musical concept, which successfully transposes combination of jazz, and traditional music, to improvised music of the modern age. The success of this merger is certainly due to Tamara's fine-tuned sense of the Istrian melody and dialect, combined with jazz craft, but also due the artistic expression of carefully chosen top-ranking musicians which does not rely on existing jazz cliches, but on their acute sense of intuition for each particular composition.

LINE UP

Tamara Obrovac - voice, composer (Croatia)
Stefano Battaglia - piano (Italy)
Salvatore Maiore - double bass (Italy)
Krunoslav Levačić - drums (Croatia)

STEFANO BATTAGLIA

Stefano Battaglia is one of the most important, internationally recognized Italian classical and jazz pianists. He played more than 3000 concerts as an improviser in all the most important festivals and concert seasons all over the world. He recorded more than 100 CDs (mostly as a leader and 10 for solo piano), several for ECM records, received many awards for his work. Since 1998 he teaches in Siena Jazz master classes.

SALVATORE MAIORE

Classically educated double bass and cello player and composer, since 2006 member of the Stefano Battaglia trio, has collaborated with many renowned Italian and international artists on numerous concerts all over the world, and on 50 editions including 10 for ECM records. For 6 years he was the director of Jazz department on the Vicenza conservatory where he teaches from 2007.

KRUNOSLAV LEVAČIĆ

A self-taught drummer, performs professionally since 1974. He plays with Tamara in all her musical formations, since early 80ies. He is a frequent guest of European jazz scene and studio musician in demand at home and abroad. He played and recorded with many known jazz musicians on more than 80 albums, awarded with 8 Status Awards for the best Croatian drummer. More than 30 albums he played on won Croatian National Porin Award. Author of first Croatian drum book.

PRESS

"On the new CD, the outstanding Croatian singer Tamara Obrovac remains in her specific sentimental space, of course, at the highest level, with a music codex and messages that shy away from the superficial. Obrovac sings about night hags, slaves, pain in one's soul and the glint of tears. Touching."

- E. Weiss, Concerto magazine, June 2019 (AT)

"The selection of collaborators, the identity of this quartet, the search for balance in the dramaturgy of the compositions as well as the right balance of power in the subtlety ratios of the expressiveness and unbridled improvisation are the reasons why Transadriaticum may be one of Tamara's best albums ever."

- HRT - Croatian radiotelevision, October 2019 (HR)

"The strenght and the greatness of an individual musical expression.

An excellent contemporary jazz album that will surely arouse great interest among jazz lovers around the world."

- D. Jagatić, Nacional, September 2019 (HR)

"On this Transadriaticum album, Tamara Obrovac again confirmed her unique contact with her musicians and once again proved as a great example that even local music can become a product of worldwide export! Beautiful!"

- P. Španko, JazzSK, September 2019 (SK)

"TransAdriaticum exudes with refined interactions, Tamara's interpretation and an extraordinarily nuanced overall dynamics of songs that - though mostly sad and introspective - radiate an extraordinary passion for life."

- M. Batelić, Radio Študent, October 2019 (SLO)



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**Trondheim Jazz Festival
concert review
by Tor Hammerø (NO)
May 2019**

SOME OF TAMARA'S PERFORMANCES

Trondheim Jazz Fest (NO), Vilnius Jazz Festival (LT), Jazz Rally Duesseldorf (DE), RSI Lugano (CH), Balkan Trafik Bruxelles (BE), China Tour 2017 (CHN), JazzAhead Bremen (DE), Jazz au Chellah Rabat (MA), Trieste Loves Jazz (IT), Mittelfest (IT), Steyr Jazz Festival (AT), Donaufest Ulm (DE), La Fira Mediterrania de Manresa (ESP), Talos Jazz festival (IT), Le gipfel du Jazz (DE), Luneburger Jazz Nights (DE), Adriatico Mediterraneo (IT), Saulkrasti Jazz (LV), EBU festival Kaustinen (FIN), Expo 2005 Japan (JP), Strictly Mundial Marseille (FR), Crossroads festival Krakow (PL), Joe's pub NYC (USA), The Music Village Bruxelles (BE), Porgy&Bess club Vienna (AT), Circulo Jazz club Madrid (ESP), Bayerische Hof club Munchen (DE), Moods club Zurich (CH), Bird's eye Basel (CH), Kunsthaus Weiz (AT), Jazz.hr Festival (HR), Druga Godba (SLO), Sarajevo Jazz Festival (BiH), Jazz Meets World Festival (CZ), etc.

LINKS & CONTACT

TRANSADRIATIC QUARTET - BAND PAGE

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TAMARA OBROVAC WEBSITE

www.tamaraobrovac.com/en/

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SOUNDCLOUD

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