



Altar live feat. Hanka G

The Best of Slovak Jazz





Nikolaj Nikitin - saxophone

Saxophonist, composer and university teacher belongs to the one of the most prominent saxophonists of Slovak contemporary jazz. Performed with: Miroslav Vitous, Patches Stewart, Klemens Marktl, Cluster ensemble



Lubos Sramek - piano

Pianist, composer and university teacher. Performed with: Peter Erskine, Miroslav Vitous, Benny Golson, Jerry Bergonzi, Milan Nikolic, Martin Valihora, Jure Pukl, Harry Sokal, Kornel Fekete Kovacs, Klemens Marktl

ALTAR live

Nikolaj Nikitin, saxophonist & original composer and Lubos Sramek, pianist, composer & arranger are representing the best of Slovak jazz scene. They have joint their creative and interpretation forces at their new duo release. CD "Altar" is a result of their intense cooperation. The title itself refers to the term altar, the authors nine favorite compositions. Apart from their original work, they got inspired by music of Leos Janacek, J. S. Bach. "Altar" has the ambition to reflect contemporary European jazz music blended with jazz tradition.

One of the main features of this album is preserving creative concept of freedom in interpretation of original compositions. CD "Altar" is released under [Real Music House](#) recording & production label.

Videos:

[Nikitin/Sramek/Vitous](#)

[Nikitin/Sramek: Tempstation](#)

[Nikitin/Sramek feat. Klemens Marktl](#)



Hanka G - vocal

One of the most admired and well respected jazz singers in Slovakia, growing up in Mongolian desert Gobi and currently living in New York. She is a rising star of jazz & world-music, singer & lyricist. Acknowledged as "The Best of the Next Generation" by Cassandra Wilson, the two-time Grammy award winner and the best American jazz singer, she is also represented by the same agency – Ojah Media Group. Recipient of the most respected jazz award in Slovakia, Martonik's award - "Jazzman Of The Year 2017".

She has been performing at the domestic as well as international jazz scene for well over a decade now, with her signature musical style of jazz, soul, gospel & world- music fusion.

Hanka has recorded three solo CD's "Reflections Of My Soul" (2007), "Essence" (2014) and "Twin Flame" (2016) and cooperated on several other projects (Nikolaj Nikitin, Stefan Bartus, Sisa Michalidesova, Marcus McLaurine...) converting instrumental tunes into songs by writing lyrics and vocalizing them. She is also a lead singer in Memorial Baptist Church in Harlem, New York. Hanka opened up for Cassandra Wilson & Kurt Elling and toured with Rodney Kendrick. She is actively performing at NYC jazz scene with her trio (Anthony Wonsey, Marcus McLaurine, Taru Alexander) as well as a member of Taru Alexander's quartet & Anthony Wonsey quintet. Her recordings are played in more than 10 major jazz radio stations across the USA. Throughout her career, Hanka has worked and performed with one of the best jazz musicians in the world: Marc Cary, Essiet Okon Essiet, Rodney Kendrick, Anthony Wonsey, Marcus McLaurine, Benito Gonzales, Eric Wyatt, Theo Hill, George Cray, Patches Stewart, Taru Alexander, Gerry Eastman, Carlton Holmes, Kris Funn, John R. Lamkin, Kenny Davis, Mimi Jones, Camille Gainer Jones, Chris Beck, and many others...

Videos :

[Web - Videos](#)

[Hanka G with Nikolaj Nikitin - Slovak folklore song „Red Apple“](#)

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Nikolaj Nikitin & Lubos Sramek with Hanka G

This project combines the best of Slovak contemporary jazz. In 2017 Nikolaj Nikitin & Lubos Sramek has released their unique duo record "Altar". They have invited extraordinary Slovak singer & lyricist - Hanka G, who is currently living and singing in NYC to cooperate on this special project. The repertoire is a combination of the best tunes from Nikitin's CDs "Personal Suite" & "New Winter Stories", where Hanka has written lyrics to selected songs and vocalized originally instrumental tunes. Magical poetry and Hanka's deep soulful voice blends beautifully with magnificent instrumental tunes. This selection is spiced up by few songs from Hanka's solo CD releases "Essence", where she fuses Slovak folklore and jazz & "Twin Flame" dedicated to famous jazz piano players.

Lubos Sramek will also introduce few of his compositions from the album "White Dream", where he presents himself as a skillful composer & arranger. This project connects three talented musicians taking you on the original musical journey full of creativity and passion, presented with love to mesmerized audience.

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