



Vienna Art

Orchestra

**Big Band
Poesie**

Big Band Poesie, composed & arranged by mathias rüegg, contains twelve new compositions with titles that are actually quotes from various famous big band leaders; ones which shed light on important aspects of their music, their work or life philosophies. The contents of these highly pertinent and sometimes contradictory verbal statements serve as the inspiration and point of departure for these new pieces, performed by a mature Vienna Art Orchestra in its 28th year of existence.

The poetic quotes are by Don Ellis ("We take pride in being able to play the shit out"), Quincy Jones ("Everything has it's own time"), Duke Ellington ("Music is music, that's it"), Sun Ra ("The music is like a journey"), Vince Mendoza ("Writing for Big bands is like going home"), Gil Evans ("Insecurity is the secret of eternal youth"), Thad Jones ("Music is a very personal thing, strictly individual"), Lionel Hampton ("If the Blues was Whiskey, I would stay drunk all the time"), Count Basie ("We get our kicks from playing"), Harry James ("There is nothing to me. It's just the band"), Paul Whiteman ("I sincerely believe in Jazz") and Stan Kenton ("I helped to kill the dance business").

Thanks to Klaus Schulz for his huge collection of quotes.

The Musicians

Anna Lauvergnac: voice / SOLO # 6

Thorsten Benkenstein: lead trumpet

Matthieu Michel: trumpet / SOLO # 9

Thomas Gansch: trumpet

Jörg Engels: trumpet

Adrian Mears: trombone / SOLO # 4 & 10

Robert Bachner: trombone / SOLO # 2

Christian Muthspiel: trombone

Ed Partyka: bass trombone & tuba

Klaus Dickbauer: alto sax & flute / SOLO # 5 & 6

Florian Bramböck: alto sax & bass clarinet / SOLO # 8

Harry Sokal: tenor sax, soprano sax & flute / SOLO # 7

Andy Scherrer: tenor sax / SOLO # 3

Hervig Gradischnig: baritone sax / SOLO # 1 & 11

Alegre Correa: guitar & percussions

Martin Koller: guitar & electronics / SOLO # 12

Georg Breinschmid: bass

Mario Gonzi: drums

mathias rüegg: leader



1. We take **PRIDE** in being able to play the shit out 5:33
2. Everything has its own **TIME** 5:05
3. Music is **MUSIC**, that's it 5:55
4. The music is like a **JOURNEY** 5:46
5. Writing for big bands is like **GOING HOME** 6:08
6. Insecurity is the secret of **ETERNAL YOUTH** 4:24
7. Music is a very **PERSONAL THING**, strictly individual 5:45
8. If the **BLUES** was whiskey, I would stay drunk all the time 5:22
9. We get our **KICKS** from playing 5:17
10. There is nothing to me. It's just **THE BAND** 3:44
11. I sincerely **BELIEVE** in Jazz 4:38
12. I helped to **KILL** the dance business 2:47

Total time: 61:13

All compositions & arrangements by mathias rüegg,
except #12, composed & arranged by Martin Koller.
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