

A portrait of a young man with dark hair, wearing a black blazer over a white shirt with a small pattern. He is holding a brass instrument, likely a saxophone, and looking down at it. The background is a warm, solid color.

MARTIN DIAZ

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BIO

The Catalan saxophone player and composer Martin Diaz is in the vanguard of his generation of jazz musicians. Residing in Amsterdam he leads his own project "Martin Diaz Quintet" which won one of the most prestigious awards from the American Jazz scene, Downbeat Award 2020, with a special mention as an outstanding soloist. His last album Identities landed signing a contract with the famous Catalan recording label "Fresh Sound", with which other international artists started in their music careers, such as Ambrose Akimusire, Giulia Valle and others.

He is also part of the Barcelona Jazz Orquestra, legendary big band that recorded with Phill Woods, John Fadis and Jesse Davis in New York, and he joined the Jong Metropole Orquestra for the tour of 2021 as a leader in the saxophone section.

In his 25 years old he has recorded 7 albums and played around the Spanish country, and now he started to live his footprint in the Netherlands, where he already recorded and played with the best musicians of the country such as,

Xavi Torres, Gideon Tazelaar, Ben Van Gelder and Simon Rigter.

During the 2020 lockdown of the pandemic, he developed Parker For All, a series of videos recorded in his Amsterdam apartment dedicated to Charlie Parker's music. These episodes that are starting to penetrate in the ambient of Amsterdam, receive a guest of the Dutch Jazz scene every time. Martin's love for this legendary musician makes him part of his playing, his sound and his language, and the audience can hear this in these videos. He is always with the company of his friend Cem Karayalcin.

With all this experience and his love for this music, Martin Diaz transmits to the audience this great respect for the traditional jazz music applying the language, the sound and the melodies to his own sound. He is able to maintain this essence in his compositions, but always looking for originality and innovation using different rhythmical atmospheres and warm colors in the harmonies.

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PRESS NOTE

Martin Diaz releases his first album "Identities"

"Identities" will be published as the first individual album of Martin Diaz together with nothing less than the famous Catalan music label FreshSound. The presentation will be in Barcelona the 13th and 14th of November.

This record lands in the musical scene as a winner of a Downbeat Award, awarded by the American Jazz Magazine "Downbeat Magazine". His music combines a great respect for the century-long jazz tradition with explorations into the rhythmic, harmonic and melodic realms of the contemporary forms. This work was born from the personal experience and the emotional path that the leader experiments in a transition from Barcelona to Amsterdam, where the five musicians who are part of this project meet playing in the great and effervescent jazz scene.

The title "Identities" has a meaning related to the composing process of the author. Martin Diaz finds his own identity absorbing the music from his influences and inspirations and expressing his own interpretation about them. Artists such as Perico Sambeat or Miguel Zenon are the perfect example of this inspirations. The transmission of his roots and his story through the sound and the colors of the horn is what it makes him and them unique, but as he says - One never stops building his own identity.



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