

WOODY BLACK 4 – PRESS INFORMATION 2017

Winners of the European Jazz Contest // 2nd Prize at "Made in New York Jazz Competition"

About

"Woody Black 4 is all but a standard jazz band. One bass-clarinet sounds warm, but it can sound quirky and aggressive as well. Whereas four bass-clarinets, pure, without any accompaniment, open up these characteristics into unprecedented spheres. This Vienna based quartet of black woods unfolds an exuberant playfulness, sounding out any stylistic and tonal options of such minimalist cast."

- Jazzahead 2016

"A quartet, driven by experimental curiosity, that has taken a somewhat different path toward jazz and it's possibilities. Four clarinets/bass clarinets with an undogmatic approach and a very orderly world of sound. On "Curiosity" they set off a musical firework that is colourful, spectacular, and completely new. The incredibly layered and unbelievably varied sound combined with a high level of musical finesse makes all of the difference here."

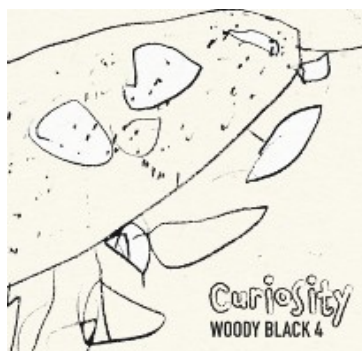
- Michael Ternai, Mica Austria 2017

Woody Black 4 are following a rather unusual musical path. The instrumentation, with four clarinets, is already out of the ordinary. The varied language of jazz serves as their foundation, but they combine that with distant musical lands, from New Music to Pop. But no matter the mix, the sound of this quartet always remains warm, mellow and pure. That doesn't mean it's always smooth, though. Woody Black 4 is best described as a collection of clarinet virtuosos that enjoy the experimental, flirt with the avant-garde, and sometimes wander into the dissonant.

- Austrian Music Export 2016

Discography

"Curiosity" - Unit Records (2017)



"I enjoyed listening to their music... the sound is refreshing, the music creative, the playing terrific and fun to listen to."

- Eddie Daniels

„The slapping, woody horniness, four different characters but one band: woodyblack4! Cool groove, tight rhythm, bright and warm sound, exceptional improvisations and a plenty of different style elements ... contemporary music? avant-garde? modern jazz? Call it like you want, it is just great music!“

- Matthias Schorn (Wiener Philharmoniker)

<http://www.unitrecords.com/page.php?pid=1000&fid=5224&lx=en>

"Woody Black Four" - CD Baby (2013)



"Jazz on 1 bass clarinet is great, so can you imagine how it sounds with 4!! A great and very well played CD by young guys from Spain, Austria and Italy. Congratulations Woody Black 4 and please go on!!!"

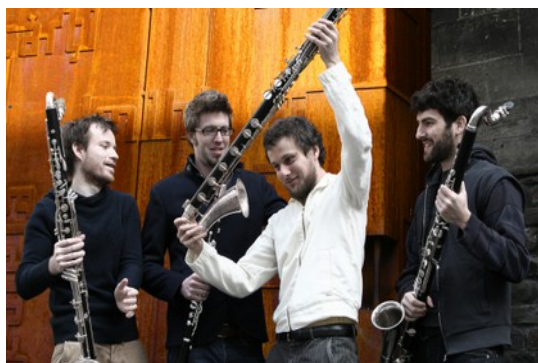
- Harry Sparnaay

"If you want a fresh outlook on ensemble sound, improvisational possibilities and compositional concepts, mixed with some fine playing - here it is! Woody Black 4 created a sound area that is completely their own."

- Wolfgang Puschnig

<https://woodyblack4.bandcamp.com/album/woody-black-4-2>

Prizes, Awards



Winners of the European Jazz Contest

The European Jazz Contest is one of the few international jazz competitions in Europe. The finals in 2014 took place in Ainsii- Theater Maastricht (Netherlands). „Woody Black 4“ convinced the jury due to their originality, distinguished instrumental and technical skills as well as due to their unique original compositions.

2nd Prize at Made in New York Jazz Competition

Judges: Randy Brecker Mike Stern, Lenny White

Explanatory statement: "Fantastic group, really fresh and special!"

(Mike Stern)

Woody Black 4 are

Oscar Antolí: clarinet, bass clarinet, composition

Daniel Moser: bass clarinet, composition

Stephan Dickbauer: clarinet, composition

Leonhard Skorupa: bass clarinet, composition

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