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Quartet

ESZTER KERTJE

BIO

Vácz Eszter and the Quartet

is one of Hungary's most popular jazz band. Their debut CD *Vissza hozzád (Back to You, 2009)* reached Gold selling status in February 2010 and Platinum selling status in March 2011. The band was nominated for the "Hungarian Grammy", the Fonogram Award in jazz category in 2010.

In 2009, a young movie director Dénes Orosz chose the Quartet's music to be the soundtrack of his film *Poligamy* that became a box office hit. The movie have been watched by more than 120 000 people.

After the success of the 1st LP they asked the Grammy Award holder producer/engineer Helik Hadar (Herbie Hancock, Madeleine Peyroux, Joni Mitchell) to co-produce their 2nd album *Eszter kertje (Esther's Garden, 2011 Tom Tom Records.)* A French movie star, Edouard Baer, also appears on the 5-piece Quartet's newest record. Baer and Eszter are singing a dreamy, chanson-like duet in French while the music creates the ambience of Paris. According to the critiques *Eszter kertje* is one the best Hungarian jazz albums in the last couple of years and it deserves to be even more successful as its predecessor.

As some reviews state, although the lyrics are mainly Hungarian but their music is so international that the melody will help the listener figure it out. It's a music for all



kinds of mood, yet the songs have the power to energize the audience.

The band has played several successful concerts around Europe (France, Germany, Luxemburg, Czech Republic, Austria, Slovakia, Romania) and they are planning to play in the USA, Italy and Poland in the near future.

The success of the 5-piece combo lies in Eszter's fabulously unique voice, in the creativity of the musicians and in their carefully selected repertoire. All band members are established musicians who are one-by-one acknowledged artists of the Hungarian music scene.

Eszter Váci (vocals) gained popularity around 2000 when she was the lead singer of the multi platinum selling Hungarian supergroup Jazz+Az. Since the break up of Hungary's most successful jazz band ever, Eszter is concentrating on her own career with the Quartet.

Iván Gátos is an acknowledged pianist who has played - besides the most popular Hungarian bands - with Pat Appleton (De-Phazz), Tino Gonzales (Earth Wind & Fire).

Zoltán Schneider guitarist officially joined the band in 2011, although he had already taken part in the recording of the first LP and has been playing with the band since. Besides the Váci Eszter and the Quartet Zoltan has been a well known jazz and funk guitarist in Hungary for years.

Bálint Gátos bassist played a great part in shaping the face of Budapest's music life since the mid '90s. He was the founding member of some cult bands like Warpigs, UP!, Roy&Adam and he also worked with Sting's recording engineer Donal Hodgson.

Zsolt Mike drummer is a well known jazz musician who has also gained popularity by playing in Hungary's number one blues band, the Takáts Tamás Blues Band.

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