

Vertigo band celebrates twenty years and releases a new studio album



To celebrate their twenty years together, the cult multi-genre band **Vertigo** come with their new studio album – their sixth release with Animal Music. On the Czech music scene, Vertigo have established themselves as those who never cease to surprise and who keep coming up with new forms, contents, and sound. On the new album titled “Nothing” (Nic), the band brings complex and extensive, but also minimalist compositions in which different styles and moods interlace with one another in a compact whole, marked by Vertigo’s typical poetics, grace, and intensity. An attentive listener will be rewarded with many unexpected and witty moments and turns, but also the certainty that this *is* Vertigo in their best.

The album will be released on **September 9, 2022 on CD and digitally** at Animal Music. During autumn 2022, Vertigo will perform the new program during its tour across Czech Republic and also in London, Paris and Germany.

Most of the pieces are by saxophonist **Marcel Bárta**, two were composed by pianist **Vojtěch Procházka**, and one is from bass guitarist **Rastislav Uhrík**. Vertigo has been active on the Czech jazz scene since 2002 and since then has recorded 7 studio albums including the upcoming release and one live recording, and is the holder of three Czech Music Academy Awards for the best jazz album of the year (for the eponymous debut from 2005, for Metamorphosis (2011) and Daleko (2019). Shortly after the band started to perform, **Marcel Bárta, Vojtěch Procházka, Oskar Török, Rastislav Uhrík a Daniel Šoltis** were joined by the cellist and singer **Dorota Barova**. They all are renowned musicians whose solo projects have met with high acclaim (Dorota Barová, Vojtěch Procházka) and who are members of many other excellent formations (Muff, Tara Fuki, Wojtek Mazolewski Quintet, Freetown Quartet, Martin Brunner Band, Čikori, and others) and also in other genres (-123Minut, Mig 21, Aneta Langerova, Bernard Maseli).

The album was recorded in July 2022 with Milan Cimfe and mastered by Pavel Karlík in Sono Records Doupě studio. The album cover and booklet was designed by Aleš Najbrt, the cover photograph is by Marcel Bárta. The album will be released at Animal Music on September 9, 2022 on CD and will be available for digital download and streaming on all available platforms. The album is distributed worldwide by Supraphon and will also be sold in the publisher’s onlin store at www.animalmusic.cz. The album was supported by the Ministry of Culture, the State Culture Fund and the City of Prague within the „Animal Music 2022 Edition“.

The CD release concert take place on September 13, 2022 in the Jazz Dock club in Prague.

Album teaser: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uw4dF6yZQ4I>

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Tour dates

10.09. Žilina (SK)
11.09. Ostrava (CZ)
13.09. Prague (CZ) – CD RELEASE CONCERT
29.09. Olomouc (CZ)
30.09. Letovice (CZ)
01.10. Dresden (DE) / Jazzclub Tonne
23.10. Seifhennersdorf (DE) / C.Bechstein VielHarmonie (Mandau Jazz festival)
14.11. London (UK) / Pizza Express Live
15.11. Paris (FR) / Czech Centre Paris
08.12. Prague (CZ)

Personnel:

Marcel Bárta – tenor & alto saxophone, ocarina, voice
Oskar Török – trumpet, xaphoon, voice
Dorota Barová – voice, cello, effects
Vojtěch Procházka – piano, Fender Rhodes, Wurlitzer 200A, Vermona ET 6-2, Yamaha PSS-390, Nord Stage 2, toy accordion, voice
Rastislav Uhrík – electric bass, acoustic bass
Daniel Šoltis – drums and percussions, voice

Tracklist & authors:

1. Intro (collective improvisation)
2. Příběh č. 2 (Marcel Bárta)
3. Nai (Marcel Bárta)
4. Marcel (Vojtěch Procházka)
5. Den (Marcel Bárta)
6. Abubilla (Vojtěch Procházka)
7. Dál a dál a dál (Marcel Bárta)
8. Zapadák (Marcel Bárta)
9. Zaklínadlo (Marcel Bárta)
10. Interlude (collective improvisation)
11. Trip (Rastislav Uhrík)
12. Hermetico (Marcel Bárta)
13. Nic (Marcel Bárta)
14. Outro (collective improvisation)

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