



EGLI-SANTANA GROUP

Florian Egli – as
Gileno Santana – tp (BR)
Dave Gisler – g
Raffaele Bossard – b
Jonas Burgwinkel – dr (DE)

Swinging, free and wild. The Egli-Santana Group is committed to simple compositions, setting its focus on free interplay. Florian Egli and Gileno Santana (BR) appear as a homogenous horn section, which can integrate itself in playful and varied ways into the collective sound. As a remarkably dynamic drummer, Jonas Burgwinkel (DE) reminds one of Tony Williams' fiery energy – he is pulsating, driving and plays a seminal role for the whole band. Raffaele Bossard and Dave Gisler manage to create something distinctly new and varied out of each single piece. In a highly interactive way, they complement the unison lines of the horns, with both groovy as well as wide sounds, so that each tune strives towards its climax.

Jury report for the promotion award BeJazz Transnational 2014

The first transnational prize goes to the band Egli-Santana Group, which gave a convincing debut thanks to their two front horns, especially newcomer Gileno Santana. The band is clearly playing on new musical territory. One can feel the urgency of the moment, which might stem from the uncertainty of what will happen next. Concurrently, the band builds on the strong trust in the improvisational ability of each musician, who all individually bring in a very independent and diverse character. Thanks to their openness and risk-taking, they succeed in advancing the simple compositions step by step – from detaining to overstraining. Improvisation and composition merge, dynamisms and innovation meet passionate interplay. Egli-Santana Group is a very promising band with the potential to play on stages well beyond the country.

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