



WUCCAS

NINGGLI

INTAKT RECORDS

Mit einem Trommelwirbel soll Lucas Niggli 1968 in Kamerun zur Welt gekommen sein. Dieser Trommelwirbel begleitet ihn sein Leben lang. Seine Heimat ist, wie der Zürcher Musiker sagt, sein Schlagzeug: die Kunst der Perkussion als Projekt der ständigen Weiterentwicklung, Öffnung und Verfeinerung. In seinem Schlagzeugspiel schafft Lucas Niggli Räume für das wunderbare Erbe der afrikanischen und amerikanischen Musik, für Formen des Avantrocks, für Anleihen bei der Volksmusik, für die Techniken der europäischen Avantgarde. Seine Musik ist höchst aktuell. Sie birgt die Tendenzen der kreativen Musik der heutigen Zeit.

Dieser Katalog versammelt die auf Intakt Records erschienenen CDs von Lucas Niggli, als Zwischenbilanz eines aktiven Musikerlebens: «Hälfte des Lebens», wie Friedrich Hölderlin einst schrieb. Die Reflektion der künstlerischen Arbeit und das Überblicken einer aussergewöhnlichen musikalischen Biografie. Ein Atemholen und Selbstversichern für weitere Projekte.

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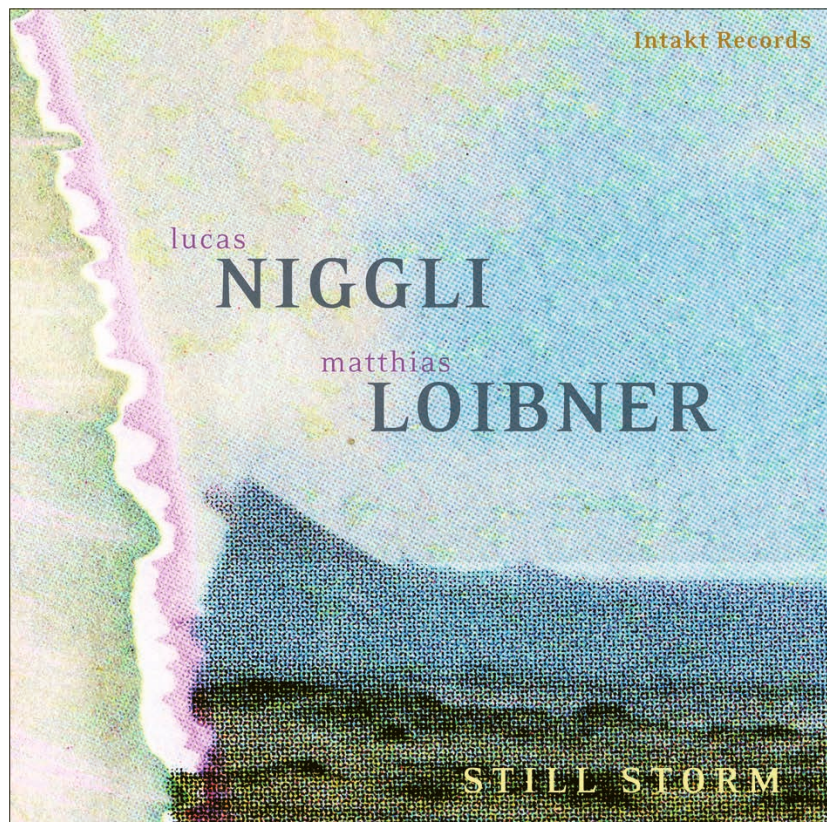
LUCAS NIGGLI

Lucas Niggli is said to have been born in Cameroon in 1968 with a drum roll. All evidence suggests that this drum roll accompanies him throughout his life. His home, as the Zurich musician says, is his drums, and the art of percussion is a project of ceaseless developing, opening and refining. In his percussion playing, Lucas Niggli creates spaces for the wonderful heritage of African and American music, for forms of avant-rock, for borrowings from folk music, and for the techniques of the European avant-garde. His music is highly topical and it encapsulates the inclinations of creative music today.

This catalog presents Lucas Niggli's discography on Intakt Records, as an intimate interim contemplation of an active musical life – "Half of Life", as Friedrich Hölderlin once wrote. It is a reflection of artistic work and an overview of an extraordinary musical biography. A catching of breath, an invigoration for future projects.

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LUCAS NIGGLI – MATTHIAS LOIBNER
STILL STORM

Matthias Loibner: Hurdy-Gurdy, Electronics
Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion

Recorded January 4, 5, 2022, by Lara Persia at
Auditorio Stelio Molo, Lugano Besso, Switzerland

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

Graphic design: Fiona Ryan

Liner notes: Johannes Rühl

Intakt CD 386



LUCAS NIGGLI
ALCHEMIA GARDEN

Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion

Recorded September 5–8, 2017, by Jeroen
Visser at Villa Am Aabach, Uster, Switzerland

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

Liner notes: Bert Noglik and Laurence Donohue-
Greene

Intakt CD 302



Lucas Niggli, Jan Galega Brönnimann, Aly Keïta, 2015

Photo: Stefan Postius



KEÏTA – BRÖNNIMANN – NIGGLI
KALO YELE

Aly Keïta: Balafon, Kalimba, Voice
 Jan Galega Brönnimann: Contra Alto- and Bass Clarinet, Soprano
 Saxophone, Kass Kass, Thumb Piano
 Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion

Recorded March 27, 28, 2015, at The Zoo Studio Bern, Switzerland,
 by Mat Callahan
 Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder
 Liner notes: Thierry Quénum

Intakt CD 261



KEÏTA – BRÖNNIMANN – NIGGLI
KALAN TEBAN

Aly Keïta: Balafon, Kalimba, Voice
 Jan Galega Brönnimann: Contra Alto- and Bass Clarinet, Soprano
 Saxophone, Kass Kass, Thumb Piano
 Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion

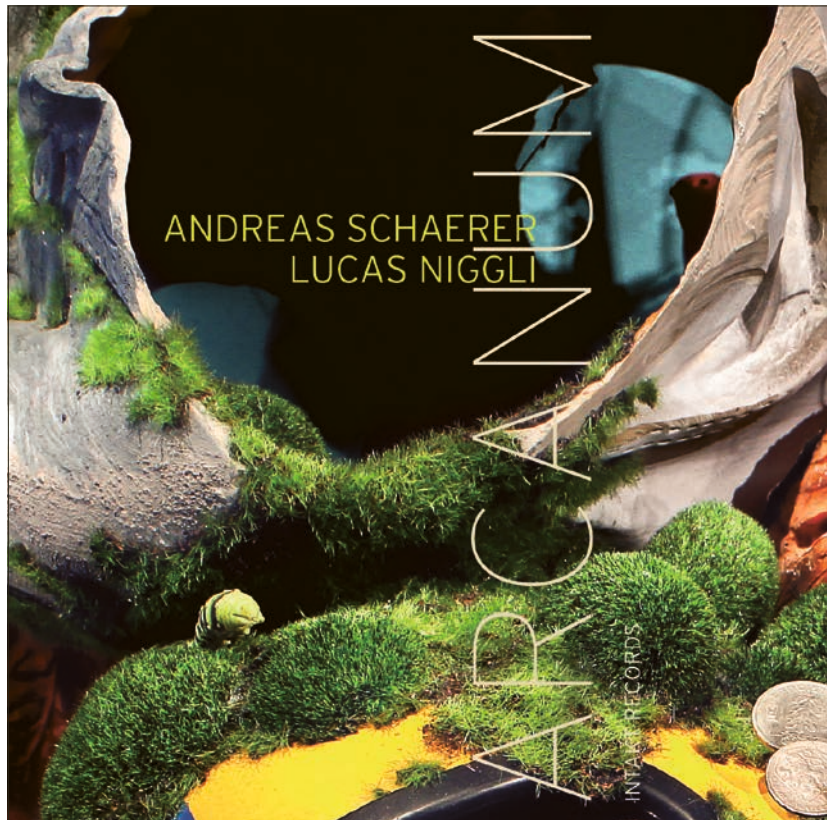
Recorded May 27, 28, 2019, at Hardstudios Winterthur by Andy
 Neresheimer
 Cover art and graphic design: Paul Bieri
 Liner notes: Christoph Wagner

Intakt CD 338



Andreas Schaerer, Lucas Niggli, 2014

Photo: Francesca Pfeffer



ANDREAS SCHAERER – LUCAS NIGGLI
ARCANUM

Andreas Schaerer: Voice
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded at Loft Cologne, September, 11, 12,
2013 by Christian Heck

Mixed and mastered at Weltschall by Martin
Ruch, January 2014

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

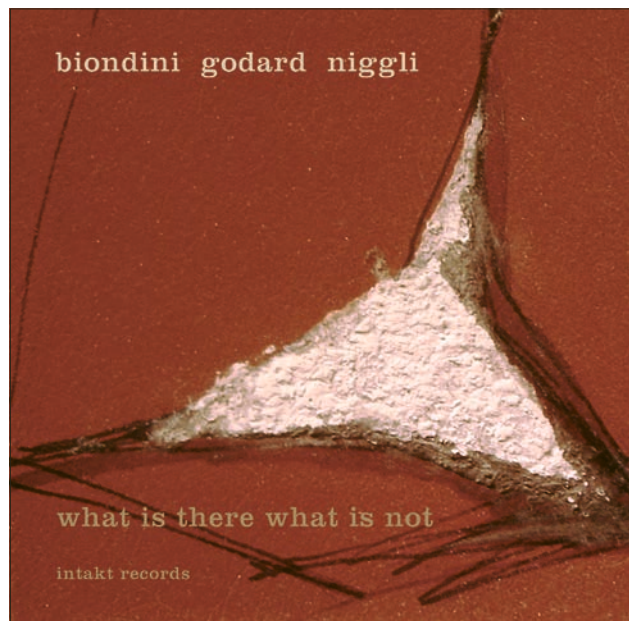
Liner notes: Katie Bull

Intakt CD 232



Michel Godard, Luciano Biondini, Lucas Niggli, 2010

Photo: Thomas Radlwimmer



BIONDINI – GODARD – NIGGLI
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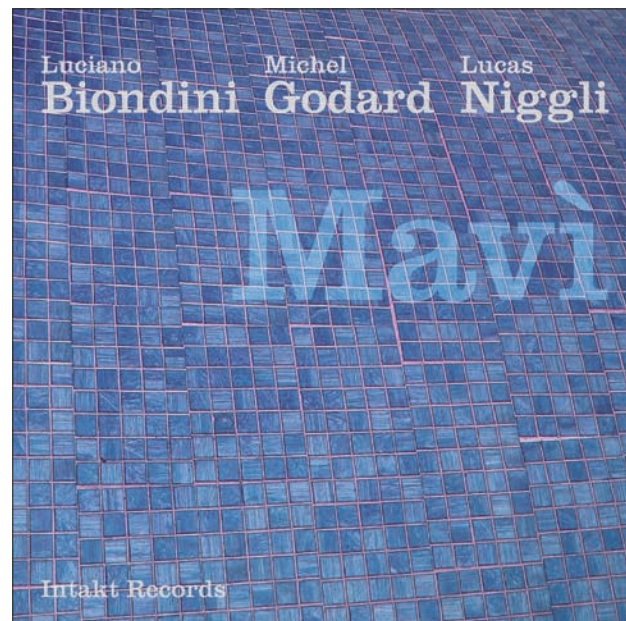
Luciano Biondini: Accordion
 Michel Godard: Tuba, Serpent, Bass
 Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded at Powerplay Studio, March 19, 2010, and July 20, 2010,
 by Jürg Peterhans and Reto Muggli

Cover art: Alberto Ghinzani
 Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

Liner notes: Bert Noglik

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BIONDINI – GODARD – NIGGLI
MAVÌ

Luciano Biondini: Accordion
 Michel Godard: Tuba, Serpent, Bass
 Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded May 23, 24, 2013, by Willy Strehler at Klangdach and live
 at Jazzfestival Schaffhausen, May 22, 2013, by Martin Pearson

Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder
 Liner notes: Manfred Papst

Intakt CD 226



Xu Fengxia, Lucas Niggli, 2009

Photo: Alberto Placido



XU FENGXIA – LUCAS NIGGLI
BLACK LOTOS

Xu Fengxia: Guzheng, Sanxian, Voice
Lucas Niggli : Drums, Percussion

Recorded at Loft Cologne, December 9, 2007, by
Christian Heck

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

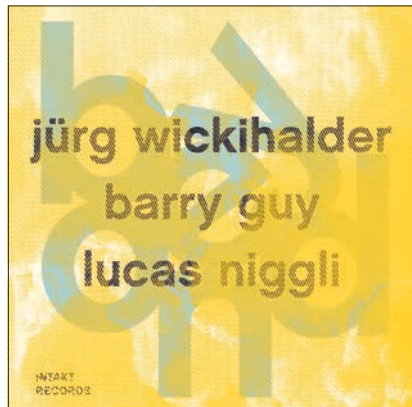
Liner notes: Steff Rohrbach

Intakt CD 164



Barry Guy, Lucas Niggli, Jürg Wickihalder, 2015

Photo: Doris Hüsler



**WICKIHALDER – GUY – NIGGLI
BEYOND**

Jürg Wickihalder: Saxophone
Barry Guy: Bass
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded November 7, 8, 2016, at Loft Köln
by Christian Heck
Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder
Liner notes: Steff Rohrbach

Intakt CD 277



**PLIMLEY – GUY – NIGGLI
HEXENTRIO**

Paul Plimley: Piano, Voice
Barry Guy: Bass, Voice
Lucas Niggli: Drums, Voice

Recorded at Loft Cologne, January 23, 24,
2012 by Ferran Conangla
Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger
Graphic design: Jonas Schoder
Liner notes: Marc Chenard

Intakt CD 206



**DEMIERRE – GUY – NIGGLI
BRAINFOREST**

Jacques Demierre: Piano
Barry Guy: Bass
Lucas Niggli: Drums

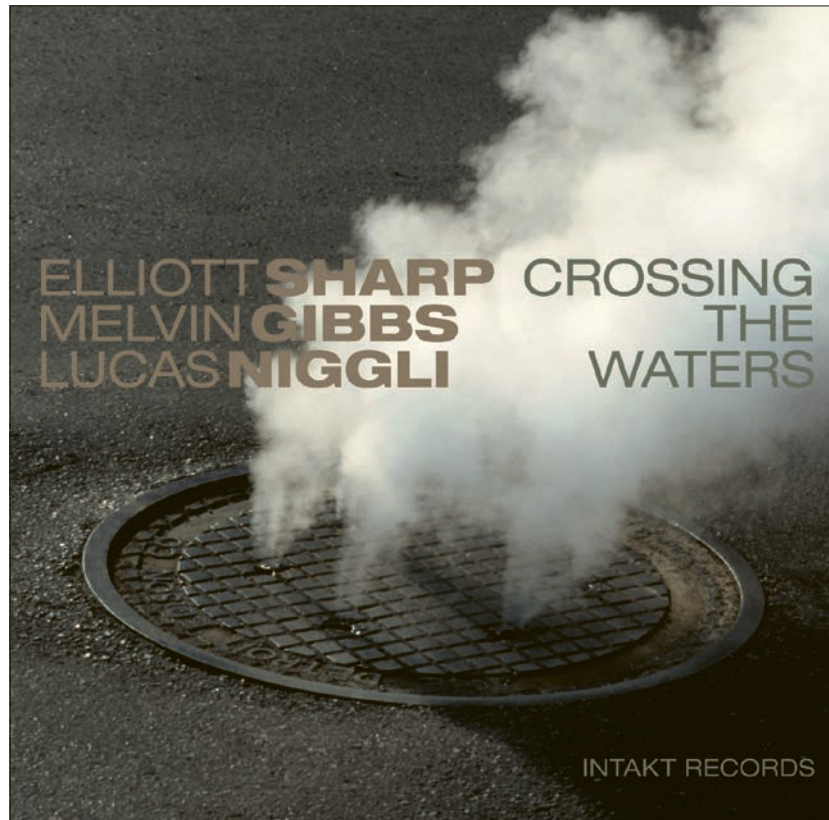
Recorded November 11, 2004 at Jazzclub
Uster by Willy Strehler and November 12,
2004 at Loft Cologne by Stefan Deistler
Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger
Graphic design: Jonas Schoder
Liner Notes: Philippe Alen

Intakt CD 107



Elliott Sharp, Melvin Gibbs, Lucas Niggli, 2012

Photo: Manuel Wagner



SHARP – GIBBS – NIGGLI
CROSSING THE WATERS

Elliott Sharp: Guitar
Melvin Gibbs: Bass
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded March 2012 at Trout Recording Studio,
Brooklyn, NY
Engineer: Bryce Goggin
Cover art: Roman Signer
Graphic design: Jonas Schoder
Liner notes: Christian Rentsch

Intakt CD 215



LUCAS NIGGLI ZOOM MEETS ARTE QUARTETT CRASH CRUISE

Nils Wogram: Trombone · Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar · Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion · Beat Hofstetter: Soprano-, Tenorsax · Sascha Armbruster: Alto-, Soprano-, Tenorsax · Andrea Formenti: Tenor-, Sopranosax · Beat Kappeler: Bariton-, Sopranosax

Recorded December 2006 and mixed Mai 2007 at Radio DRS by
Andy Neresheimer

Cover art: Corina Flühmann · Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

Liner notes: Tim Berne

Intakt CD 130



LUCAS NIGGLI BIG ZOOM POLISATION

Anne La Berge: Flutes, Electronics · Nils Wogram: Trombone, Melodica · Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar · Barry Guy: Bass · Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion

Recorded, mixed and mastered at Powerplay Studio Maur (ZH),
August 18, 19 and September 7, 8, 2010, by Andy Neresheimer
for Radio DRS

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger · Graphic design: Jonas Schoder · Liner notes: Christoph Wagner

Intakt CD 174



LUCAS NIGGLI BIG ZOOM CELEBRATE DIVERSITY

Claudio Puntin: Clarinets · Nils Wogram: Trombone · Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar · Peter Herbert: Bass · Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded November 2005, and mixed January 2006, at Studio

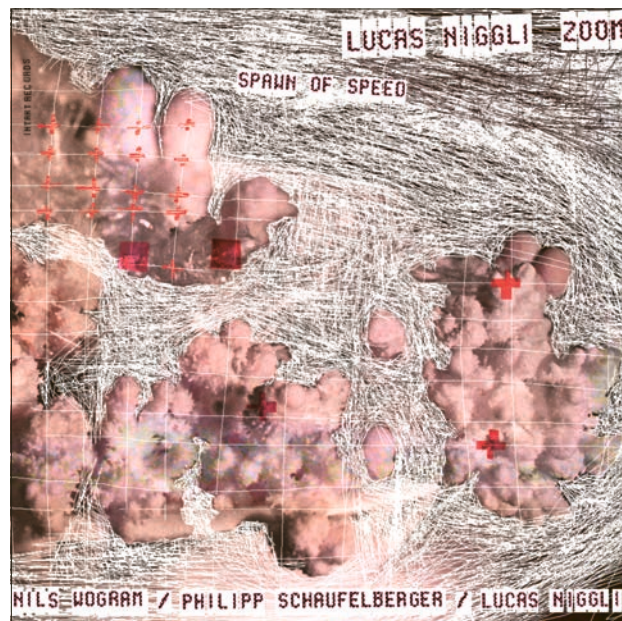
Val d'Orge, by Jean Taxi

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger

Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

Liner notes: Christoph Wagner

Intakt CD 118



LUCAS NIGGLI ZOOM SPAWN OF SPEED

Nils Wogram: Trombone
Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded at Radio DRS, 28, 29, 2000, by Andi Neresheimer, DRS

Cover art: Gerda Steiner & Jörg Lenzlinger / Riografik

Liner notes: Frank von Niederhäusern

Intakt CD 067



Philipp Schaufelberger, Nils Wogram, Lucas Niggli, 2007

Photo: Tamriko Kordzaia



LUCAS NIGGLI ZOOM ROUGH RIDE

Nils Wogram: Trombone
Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded live at Jazzfestival Saalfelden,
2002, by Martin Leitner and Jazzfestival
Schaffhausen, 2002, by Martin Pearson
Cover art: Eliane Binggeli & Pino Esposito
Liner notes: Marcus Maida

Intakt CD 082



LUCAS NIGGLI BIG ZOOM BIG BALL

Claudio Puntin: Clarinets
Nils Wogram: Trombone
Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar
Peter Herbert: Bass
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded live at Jazzfestival Willisau,
September 1, 2002, by Martin Pearson
Cover art: Eliane Binggeli & Pino Esposito
Liner notes: Peter Weber

Intakt CD 083



LUCAS NIGGLI ZOOM ENSEMBLE SWEAT

Lucas Niggli: Drums, Percussion, Composition
Claudio Puntin: Clarinets
Phil Minton: Voice
Nils Wogram: Trombone
Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar
Ensemble Neue Musik Zürich: Hans Peter
Frehner: Flutes · Urs Bumbacher: Violin ·
Stefan Tuth: Cello · Viktor Müller: Piano ·
Lorenz Haas: Vibraphone, Percussion · Leo
Bachmann: Tuba

Recorded 2003 at SWR-Studio Baden-Baden
by Alfred Habelitz
Cover art: Eliane Binggeli & Pino Esposito
Liner notes: John Corbett

Intakt CD 093



Sylvie Courvoisier, Lucas Niggli, 1999

Photo: Birgit Berchtold



LUCAS NIGGLI – SYLVIE COURVOISIER LAVIN

Sylvie Courvoisier: Piano
Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded March 1999 at Radio DRS Zürich
by Martin Pearson

Cover art: Carlo
Graphic design: Eugen Bisig
Liner notes: Pierre-Yves Borgeaud

Intakt CD 058



PIERRE FAVRE SINGING DRUMS SOUFFLES

Pierre Favre: Percussion
Lucas Niggli: Percussion
Roberto Ottaviano: Saxophone
Michel Godard: Tuba, Serpent

Recorded June 1997 at St. Gerold, Austria by
Martin Pearson

Cover art and graphic design: Eugen Bisig

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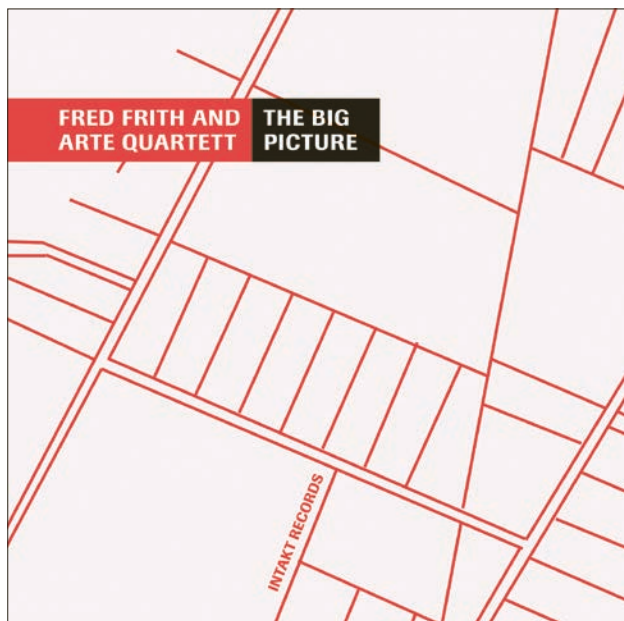


PIERRE FAVRE EUROPEAN CHAMBER ENSEMBLE

Pierre Favre: Percussion
Lucas Niggli: Percussion
Roberto Ottaviano: Saxophone
Michel Godard: Tuba, Serpent
Philipp Schaufelberger: Guitar
Karel Boeschoten: Violine
Marius Ungureanu: Viola
Pierre-François Massy: Bass

Recorded October 1999 at Radio Studio
Zürich by Martin Pearson
Cover art: Andrea Alteneder
Liner notes: Patrik Landolt

Intakt CD 062



FRED FRITH AND ARTE QUARTETT THE BIG PICTURE

Beat Hofstetter: Sopranosax · Sascha Armbruster: Altosax · Andrea Formenti: Tenorsax · Beat Kappeler: Baritone-, Altosax
With special guests: Katharina Weber: Piano · Lucas Niggli: Drums

Recorded in January 2008 at the studios of Swiss Radio DRS2,
Zürich

Cover art: Heike Liss

Graphic design: Jonas Schoder

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BARRY GUY LONDON JAZZ COMPOSERS ORCHESTRA RADIO RONDO

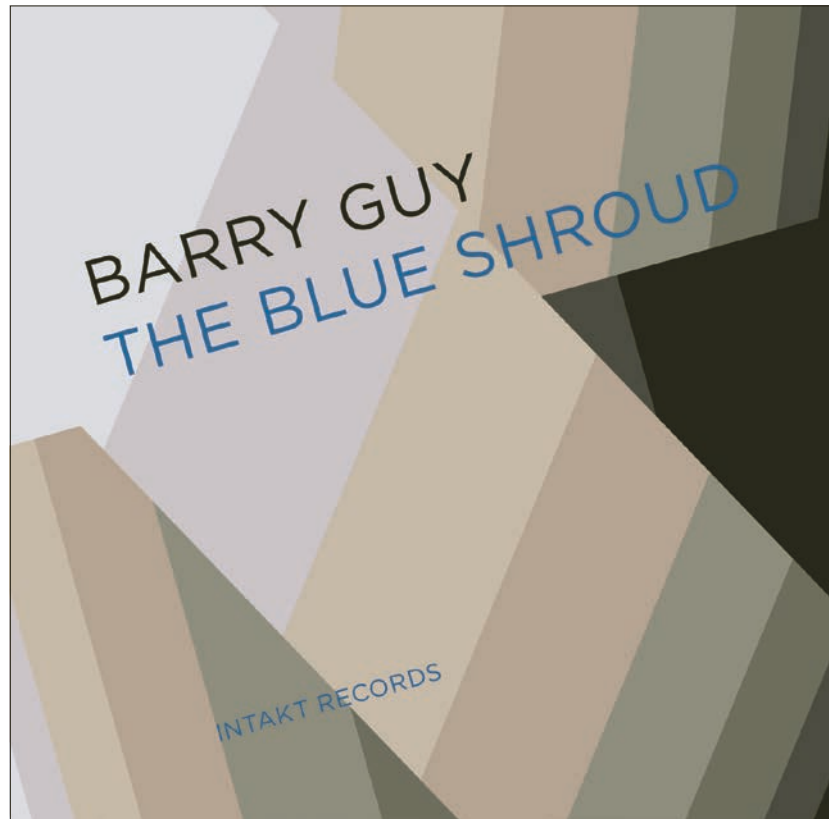
Barry Guy, Irène Schweizer, Evan Parker, Mats Gustafsson, Trevor Watts, Simon Picard, Pete McPhail, Conrad Bauer, Johannes Bauer, Alan Tomlinson, Henry Lowther, Herb Robertson, Rich Laughlin, Per Åke Holmlander, Phil Wachsmann, Barre Phillips, Paul Lytton, Lucas Niggli

Recorded Mai, 21, 2008, at Schaffhauser Jazzfestival, Switzerland,
by Willy Strehler

Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder

Liner notes: Bill Shoemaker

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BARRY GUY
THE BLUE SHROUD

Barry Guy: Bass, Director
Savina Yannatou: Voice
Ben Dwyer: Guitar
Agustí Fernández: Piano
Maya Homburger: Violin
Fanny Paccoud: Viola
Percy Pursglove: Trumpet
Torben Snekkestad: Soprano Saxophone, Reed
Trumpet
Michael Niesemann: Alto Saxophone, Oboe
Per Texas Johansson: Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet
Julius Gabriel: Baritone Saxophone
Michel Godard: Tuba, Serpent
Lucas Niggli: Drums
Ramón López: Drums

Recorded October 17, 18, 2015, at Ad Libitum
Festival Warsaw

Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder
Liner notes: Barry Guy, Maciej Karłowski

Intakt CD 266



Lucas Niggli, Rolando Lamussene, Kesivan Naidoo, Peter Conradin Zumthor, 2008 Photo: Shadley Lombard



LUCAS NIGGLI DRUM QUARTET
BEAT BAG BOHEMIA

Rolando Lamussene: Djembe, Mbira, Voice, Percussion
 Kesivan Naidoo: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion
 Peter Conradin Zumthor: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion
 Lucas Niggli: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion

Recorded February 2007 by Willy Strehler at Studio Klangdach
 Guntershausen, Switzerland
 Cover art: Martin Fuchs · Graphic design: Jonas Schoder
 Liner notes: Christoph Wagner

Intakt CD 139



LUCAS NIGGLI DRUM QUARTET
THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE DRUMS

A Film by Martin Fuchs

Rolando Lamussene: Djembe, Mbira, Voice, Percussion
 Kesivan Naidoo: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion
 Peter Conradin Zumthor: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion
 Lucas Niggli: Drums, Cymbals, Gongs, Percussion

DVD PAL. 57 Minutes. Colour, 2011

Intakt DVD 191

«Wer Lucas Niggli jemals auf der Bühne gesehen hat, der weiss: Der zierliche Mann ist ein Energiebündel. Ein Tausendsassa. Ein Springteufel. Einer, der seine Mitmusiker mit unbändigem Drive vor sich her jagt. Umgekehrt aber auch einer, der jede Nuance im Zusammenspiel bemerkt und blitzschnell reagiert. Als Instrumentalist wie als Zuhörer ist Niggli ein Virtuose. Er ist ein mutiger Grenzgänger zwischen Jazz, Rock und moderner E-Musik ...»

Manfred Papst, *NZZ am Sonntag*

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