

Anders Bergcrantz

Born in Malmö, Sweden into a musical family. Father Sven Bergcrantz (1931-1998) was a well known jazzpianist in Sweden. Anders two older brothers, Håkan and Thomas both were jazzmusicians, playing tenorsax and drums. After three years at music highschool, one year at Berklee, and two years at the music conservatory, and after 23 years of growing up and living with jazz, Anders started to play professionally although he played gigs already at the age of 15. Soon got a growing reputation and started to get asked for as guest soloist and member of different constellations home and abroad. Recorded his first LP in 1985, "Opinions" for Dragon records. Spending quite some time in NYC in the eighties and early/mid nineties where two of Anders CD..s were recorded, "Live at Sweet Basil" and "In this together". "In this together" received "The Golden Record", the finest musical award in Sweden. These two CD..s and the CD "C" wich is dedicated to the music of John Coltrane includes the bandmembers and long time friends of Anders; Richie Beirach, Ron McClure and Adam Nussbaum. The bands success (recorded and Live) among listeners, reviewers and colleague musicians has been fantastic all over the world. Anders has also cooperated with tenorsax-master, Billy Harper and drummer legend, Billy Hart. The Anders Bergcrantz Quintet is Anders Swedish unit. They recorded the cd "About Time" in 2007. This record received, once again, the foremost Swedish jazz award; "The Golden Record"! Anders was at the same time also awarded; "Musician of the year" "About Time was also voted "Best album of the year" by Swedish Radio..s listeners. A Hat Trick in other words! In 2009 receiving the French/Swedish award; Django d'Or in the category Contemporary Star of Jazz.

Influences:

Father Sven Bergcrantz, Wayne Shorter, John Coltrane, Woody Shaw, Igor Stravinsky, Freddie Hubbard, Lee Morgan, Horace Silver, Art Blakey & the Jazz Messengers, Chick Corea, The Beatles, Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Claude Debussy, Maurice Ravel, Vincent van Gogh, Chet Baker and many others....