



QUIET FIRE
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Benjamin Schaefer – Piano
James Wylie – Altsax
Kathrin Pechlof – Harp
Igor Spallati – Bass
Max Andrzejewski – Drums

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Quiet Fire features five of the most exciting voices on the young european jazz scene. The extraordinary quintet explores a wide range of tension grades and emotional states between "quiet" and "fire", going about their quest with "quiet fire". The band loves the storm as much as the calm before it, it embraces certainties before joyously throwing them overboard, it creates timeless beauty for the fading moment. Its goal is to create music that is as rich in content as it is emotionally accessible.

The group's repertoire consists mainly of originals by pianist Benjamin Schaefer, combining his love for

composing with a lust for experiment and spontaneous interaction. The 34-year-old treasures making group music as conversing in an abstract language. For his latest conversation, he opens musical rooms for five fascinating personalities to unfold, challenge and support each other. The band notably features the harp, a very special instrument not often heard in a jazz context. Just like a piano, the harp can be used for melodic, harmonic and rhythmic playing alike, thus offering a whole new set of possibilities for the group.

As one enthusiastic concertgoer recently put it in a nutshell: „The only shame is that there are breaks between the pieces. You just want to keep listening on and on.“