

CHRISTIAN PABST *BALBEC*

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Line-up

Christian Pabst (DE) (piano & rhodes)
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André Nendza (DE) (double - & electric bass)
<http://www.andre-nendza.de>

Erik Kooger (NL) (drums)
<https://erikkooger.com>

Label Website
www.jazzsick.com

Recording Info

Recorded & mixed by Christian Heck
at Loft, Cologne
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Mastered by Nate Wood
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Brooklyn, NY

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Press Release

Italy-based German pianist and composer Christian Pabst loves to travel to imaginary places. This time, he goes to *Balbec* - the famous city that you won't find on any map and the literary inspiration for the new exhilarating album.

Together with German bassist and Jazz Echo - Winner André Nendza as well as Dutch drummer Erik Kooger, Pabst explores new musical horizons. Framed by the hopeful spirit of the energetic opening and closing songs, a poetic story emerges that evokes a wide range of fulfilling emotions.

On two pieces you can also hear the warm sounds of Rhodes and electric bass.

With *Balbec*, Christian Pabst confirms his artistic identity by exhibiting an impressive command of the piano, a melodic sensibility and rhythmical fireworks that make you want to travel with him to one of those secret imaginary places right away.

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BIOGRAPHY



German pianist and (film-) composer Christian Pabst is a true storyteller.

While being deeply rooted and connected to the greats of jazz, Christian developed an original, strong and genre transcending voice as a pianist and composer. Finding inspiration not only in the arts but also in travelling and everyday life, his radiant music is very visual and inspires your imagination. "I want to create music that speaks to the heart and the mind alike" says the pianist.

Growing up in a small German village close to the French border, Christian always listened as a kid to his brother playing their 1980's home organ. He also wanted to play music and started to take piano lessons. Later, when he heard the local youth bigband for the first time, he felt instantly connected to jazz and improvisation. His thirst for knowledge and understanding of music led him to study jazz piano and film music at the renowned conservatories of Amsterdam, Paris and Copenhagen. Now, he's playing concerts all over the world.

Christian's lyricism unfolds itself beautifully on his acclaimed records. The debut "Days of Infinity" (Challenge Records Int.) features the excellent trumpet player Gerard Presencer and was hailed by the international press. Jazzwise, the biggest British jazz magazine gave 4 stars and drew comparisons with EST. The follow-up "Song of Opposites" extends the trio beautifully with an international top-ensemble of strings, horns and voice. The unique sound of Christian's writing for large ensemble reminded the press of "a small version of the Metropole Orchestra" (Jazzflits) and others thought "Song of Opposites" was "the most beautiful record of the year" (Musenblätter). His release "Inner Voice", mixed and mastered by ECM sound engineer Jan Erik Kongshaug, is described as a "surrender to the beauty of music" by All About Jazz USA. In 2021, Christian will release his fourth album as a leader: "Balbec".

Appreciated by his colleagues for his dedication and open-mindedness, Christian lends his strong musical voice to selected projects, amongst others the Copenhagen based Lubos Soukup Quartet who recently recorded their new album with the incredible guitarist Lionel Loueke. When he is not playing the piano, Christian is busy composing film scores and arranging. Many movies that he scored were awarded with prizes and are being screened all over the world. Recently, the short movie "Dancin' the Camera" was nominated for the Dutch Oscar. As an arranger, Christian worked for a wide range of ensembles, a.o. the WDR Funkhausorchester.

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