



## Powerful, timeless, melodic jazz with depth

**Richie Beirach**, one of the most influential pianists in jazz history (and sideman of Stan Getz, Wayne Shorter and Freddie Hubbard, among others) and German saxophonist **Reiner Witzel** have been linked by an intense musical collaboration and friendship for many years. After many concerts and two live releases, they are now releasing their first studio album together. Powerful jazz, equally modern and rooted in tradition, convincingly performed compositions penned by the band-leaders in a top-class international quintet line-up with **Alex Sipiagin**, currently one of the world's most sought-after trumpeters, **Joscha Oetz** on bass and **Tobias Frohnhöfer** on drums.

**Richie Beirach** can be heard on a Fender Rhodes for the first time since the 1980s. He has a large fan base worldwide.

The versatile and internationally renowned German saxophonist **Reiner Witzel** is a fixture on the international music scene. After many productions with stars like Maceo Parker, Defunkt, Udo Lindenberg, Roger Cicero, the Supremes, Fela Kuti and many others, he also has many fans in the pop and world music scene.

Jazz is a constant in his musical life. Productions/concerts with Dave Liebman, Richie Beirach, Alex Sipiagin and many more, as well as numerous own projects gave him a great international reputation.

He released numerous CDs under his own name and with his bands „Witzel's Venue“ and „Drei im roten Kreis“ with guests like David Sanborn, Vernon Reid and Lew Soloff, which made it into the English and Japanese jazz charts. In addition, he composed numerous pieces of music for theater and television.

**Reiner Witzel** is a musical citizen of the world, too versatile to be confined to a single category.

**Richie Beirach** (p, fender rhodes)

**Reiner Witzel** (sax)

**Alex Sipiagin** (tp)

**Joscha Oetz** (b)

**Tobias Frohnhöfer** (dr)

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