

The quartet "Forst" masterfully balances between the sound worlds of acoustic and electrified jazz. In their compositions, guitarist and bandleader Moritz von der Forst, together with his musical partner, the pianist Robert Mayer, combine artful melodies with polymetric rhythms and profound harmonies.

The studied guitarist Moritz von der Forst, a longstanding fixture in the German and European music scenes, has collaborated with numerous nationally and internationally renowned artists (including Kelly Clarkson, Cosmo Klein, Sub7even) and has participated in various musical and theater productions. Since 2020, he has primarily focused on his career as a solo artist. In his music, he merges the improvisational style of jazz with elements of Latin and Fusion.

With his organ trio "RE:LEASE", he released the album "ONE" in 2022, which received much acclaim, including being named "Album of the Month" by the specialist magazine "Gitarre & Bass". He has played numerous concerts nationwide with this formation.

With his eponymous quartet, he continues the musical path of this trio, but focuses on a clear, clean guitar tone and acoustic instruments such as piano and double bass.

Line Up

MORITZ VON DER FORST electric & acoustic guitars

The guitarist and composer, with two decades of experience, is a fixture in the German and European music scenes. The musician, who lives in the Sauerland, has worked on tours and in studios for nationally and internationally renowned artists such as Kelly Clarkson, Cosmo Klein, Der Wolf, and Alexander Klaws, and has participated in various musical and theater productions (including Musical Dome Cologne's "Bodyguard" and Theater Dortmund). Since 2020, he has focused on his career as a solo artist, returning to his musical roots in jazz. With his predominantly clear, clean tone, his other personal influences from blues, R&B, and Latin are distinctly audible alongside jazz.

www.moritzvonderforst.com

ROBERT MAYER piano & keyboards

The pianist, organist, and composer, who lives in Essen, studied at the renowned Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen and has since become a sought-after jazz pianist and theater musician in Germany. He has already released two albums under his own name.

www.robert-a-mayer.de

VOLKER KAMP acoustic & electric basses

Volker Kamp is considered one of the most sought-after bassists and arrangers of his generation. He has earned this reputation through his solid and song-oriented playing on both the electric bass and double bass. He is part of the Marla Glen Band and the Joscho Stephan Trio, touring with them across Europe. He also regularly performs with renowned artists such as Biréli Lagrène and Tommy Emmanuel.

www.volkerkamp.de

DIRK LEIBENGUTH drums & percussions

The drummer, who lives in Essen, studied at the Folkwang University of the Arts in Essen. For many years, he has toured Europe with various ensembles and genres, whether jazz, hip-hop, singer-songwriter, klezmer, chanson, or classical music. He was also the longtime drummer for the late guitarist Susan Weinert. In 2022, he released the album "Better Days Ahead" under his own name.

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Kunsthhaus, Essen
Topos, Leverkusen
Steinbruch, Duisburg
Anneliese Brost Musikforum Ruhr, Bochum
Jazzclub Bitburg
Katakomben-Theater im Girardet Haus, Essen

Press Commentaries

Gitarre & Bass, Act of the month, september 2022, translated from german:
"On 'One/', they offer five jazz instrumentals that convey a deep sense of peace and serenity."

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