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jacob anderskov

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Lotte Anker, soprano & tenor saxophone
Anders Banke, clarinet, bass clarinet & alto flute
Henriette Groth, viola & clarinet
Jacob Anderskov, piano
Nils Davidsen, bass & cello
Peter Bruun, drums

Light, shadow and deep–dark colour combinations alternate effortlessly in the soundscape of this new studio album from Jacob Anderskov. As on the internationally highly acclaimed albums with his “Agnostic Revelations”, we are witnessing Anderskov’s reinventing take on the medium–sized ensemble central to his overall oeuvre.

Sounding unlike anything else right now, this is new, innovative music. Compositions and improvisations oscillate between the spectral (here in the sense: the overtone–oriented, post–human) and the expressive (here: an embodied, soulful expression with a background in human experiences). Recorded in the legendary The Village Studio, the album emanates a warm, multidimensional soundscape; saturated and yet transparent.

Title–wise, “**Emerald**” designates both a colour and a gemstone. The compositions are inspired by symmetrical organizational structures from nature, which we find in starfish, coral and precious stones, among others. Though being not immediately audible, the inner symmetry in the music results in an enigmatic subduedness, not unlike our associations with the starfish and coral reefs that humanity is so incredibly bad at taking care of.

Consisting of 6 musicians who have criss–cross worked together over several decades, this new ensemble started during lockdown, and has now released their first album, **Anderskov’s album number 30+**. All compositions on the album (and more) are also published in a sheet music book, “**The Gemstone Series – 20 Sonic Complexion Miniatures**” (ILK Publishing).

“Over the last decade or so, pianist Jacob Anderskov has emerged as one of the most exciting and original voices ... deeply modern...” *Down Beat (USA)*

“For those who still didn’t know, there is by now no way around realising that Jacob Anderskov belongs to the most extraordinary artists of contemporary music... A high point in improvised Music...” *Jazz Podium (Germany)*

“Danish pianist Anderskov has been remarkably prolific over the past decade or so, winning multiple awards and being widely hailed as a dazzling new force in European jazz.” *Jazzwise Magazine (UK)*

“Anderskov expands sonic language of Danish Jazz. ... Superb.” *Down Beat (USA)*

Jury reason for the 2018 nomination for the Nordic Council Music Prize:

“The clarity of his work and his successful play with aesthetics in both the composition and the performance makes Anderskov one of the most mellowed and artistically mature creators in his field in recent years.”



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tracks:

a

Smoky Quartz
Beryl I
Emerald
Elkhorn Coral

b

Ruby
Amethyst
Beryl II
Sunstone

Total time: 42 min.

All compositions by Jacob Anderskov

Recorded at The Village, November 2021 & 2022, by Thomas Vang. Mix: John Fomsgaard. Mastering: Arnold Kasar at Calyx. Artwork & Cover Design: neue.pink. Produced by Jacob Anderskov

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