



MARCO ULLSTEIN QUINTET

PRESSTEXT/BIO/ACHIEVEMENTS

After winning the Grachtenfestival Jazz Competition in 2023 and achieving various successes on international stages and in competitions, the quintet went on tour in the Netherlands, performing at venues such as Concertgebouw Amsterdam, Muziekgebouw Eindhoven, Grachtenfestival Amsterdam, and the JazzBoz Festival. In their music, the international band members, who started the formation in The Hague in 2022, combine modern elements with their passion for traditional jazz to create a unique sound realised through vibraphone, tenor sax, guitar, bass, and drums.

The compositions of vibraphonist and bandleader Marco Ullstein are influenced by various genres and his classical music background. Elements such as storytelling through colorful arrangements, while leaving space for each musician's character and individual expression, take the audience on a musical journey full of melodic and rhythmic contrasts and diversity - or, as De Telegraaf writes,

"...the attendees were transported note by note into another world."

Marco Ullstein - Vibraphone
 Pablo Cruz - Tenor Saxophone
 Emiliano Roca - Guitar
 Francesco V. Parsi - Drums
 Yussif Barakat - Bass

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Biographie

The Marco Ullstein Quintet emerged from deep personal and musical connections cultivated by the band members over the years since meeting at the Royal Conservatory of the Hague. Marco Ullstein, the group's founder, composer, and vibraphonist, crafted a unique sound around this bond, accentuating the musicians' diverse personalities and origins in their music. This profound link enables the quintet to achieve a tight, nuanced interplay since their formation in November 2022.

Born in Munich with Italian and German roots, Marco collected various musical influences, from his classical percussion studies to oriental and jazz music. His compositions reflect this diversity, exploring colourful sound variations and evolving storytelling by playing with the roles of each instrument.

„This highly accomplished quintet, [...] played with great dynamics and beautiful colours under the direction of their humble leader Marco Ullstein. I can't wait to hear them play again [...]!“
– Sander Grande Jury chairman Grachtenfestival Jazz competition

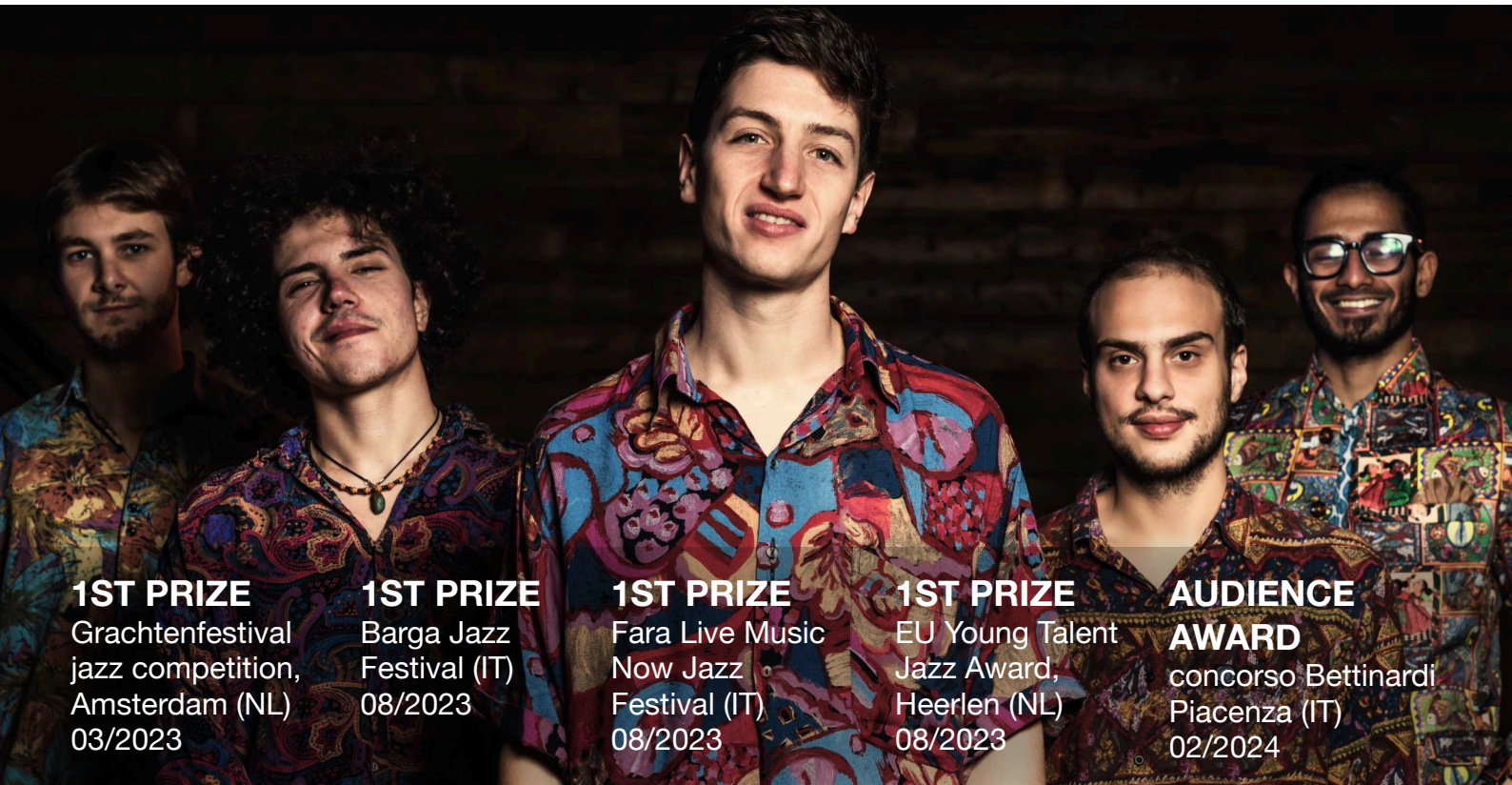
Achievements

Over the past few years, the Marco Ullstein Quintet has achieved success in various international competitions (see below) such as the Grachtenfestival Jazz Competition in Amsterdam. Their first tour in the Netherlands included concerts at **Concertgebouw Amsterdam**, **Muziekgebouw Eindhoven**, **Grachtenfestival Amsterdam**, and **JazzBoz Festival**. Internationally, they have performed in the Netherlands, Belgium, Germany, and Italy at festivals like **Umbria Jazz**, **Fara Music Now**, and **Barga Jazz Festival**.

In March 2024 they received support from the Keep an Eye Foundation for a live recording at Studio 150 in Amsterdam.

In August 2024 the Quintet released their **debut album** 'Detached Views' and went on tour, presenting their music at **Umbria Jazz Festival**, **Fara Music Now Festival**, **Grachtenfestival Amsterdam** and venues like Pletterij Haarlem and Paard in The Hague.

“It was as if the dozens of attendees in Amsterdam's Tolhuistuin were transported note by note into another world“
– De Telegraaf (Netherlands)



1ST PRIZE

Grachtenfestival jazz competition, Amsterdam (NL) 03/2023

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Barga Jazz Festival (IT) 08/2023

1ST PRIZE

Fara Live Music Now Jazz Festival (IT) 08/2023

1ST PRIZE

EU Young Talent Jazz Award, Heerlen (NL) 08/2023

AUDIENCE AWARD

concorso Bettinardi Piacenza (IT) 02/2024

„Marco Ullstein Quintet is a band with character and with characters (musicians) whom each get enough space to perform as an individual. The mature improvisations of Marco and of the saxophone - and guitar player are impressive. The band play is top! Your own repertoire and your own sound makes this band unique!“ – Jury EU Jazz Award Heerlen

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