



THREE AUSTRIAN ENSEMBLES AT WOMEX 2015 IN BUDAPEST

KLAUS PAIER & ASJA VALCIC, FEDERSPIEL AND MARTIN LUBENOV'S JAZZTA PRASTA PERFORMING AS LIVE ACTS AT THE WORLD MUSIC EXPO IN BUDAPEST

This year the annual highlight of the international world music scene takes place from October 21 - 25 in Budapest. In this year's edition of the world's largest trade fair for folk, roots, ethnic, traditional and local music, the Austrian music industry is particularly well represented.

Accordion virtuoso and sonic explorer Klaus Paier will perform in a duo with cellist Asja Valcic, the young group Federspiel will spark off their sassy brass music mix and Martin Lubenov will make an appearance with his Balkan-jazz trio Jazzta Prasta. Accompanied by a delegation of artists, agencies, labels, organizers, media and institutions, the domestic music industry will connect with the global world music community at this key event. Supervised by Heinrich Schläfer, the Austrian pavilion is already a tradition in itself with its espresso bar.

ALPINE COCKTAIL & AUSTRIAN RECEPTION, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22, 4:00 P.M.

To kick off the WOMEX event, the Austrian and Swiss delegation once again welcomes guests to the traditional "Alpine Cocktail": While enjoying local wine and cheese from the two host countries, visitors have the opportunity to make new contacts, renew old bonds or meet business partners.

Right after this get-together, the Austrian Reception will take place at the Daycase Stage in the WOMEX Conference Center Bálna. A focal point of this international meet & greet is the live performance of Klaus Paier & Asja Valcic.

OLD STAGERS AND YOUNG WINDS - AUSTRIAN ARTISTS AT WOMEX 2015

The fruitful and critically acclaimed collaboration of the duo **KLAUS PAIER & ASJA VALCIC** already culminated in their third CD: The current album "Timeless Suite" (ACT Music) has been nominated for the "Prize of the German Record Critics". The Austrian accordion and bandoneon player Klaus Paier is a virtuoso of international standing. With his roots in jazz, he continuously expands the range of musical possibilities on his instrument. The sonic explorer merges various genres with refreshing vitality to create his distinctive own style. Paier's accordion breathes with a maximum of creative freedom, puffing, blowing and dancing.

No less varied or versatile at his side: native Croatian cellist Asja Valcic. Together they share many years of collaboration as a sparkling alliance. The instrumentation of accordion and cello is not that common and yet complements each other perfectly.

Together, the two are on a quest to discover new musical territory and cover a vast creative range, reaching from Bach, Stravinsky and Piazzolla to own compositions and improvisations. Their bounty of quotations and references not only push the boundaries, but are downright enchanting. Intense, timeless, and hauntingly beautiful. (www.klauspaier.com/paiervalcic)

Alpine wind music liberated from old customs - the thoroughbred musicians of the seven-membered ensemble **FEDERSPIEL** present a rousing mixture. Owed to their youth and at the same time their virtuous skills, the ensemble members approach local folk music with a healthy dose of cheeky charm. No matter if polkas, waltzes, marches or Csárdás - with a certain fearlessness, lots of humor, spontaneity and great love for improvisation, Federspiel dives and pushes forward in traditional music from Austria and its neighboring countries. And these countries can sometimes even lead up to Mexico. (www.federspiel.at)

Martin Lubenov, originally from Bulgaria, is one of the most idiosyncratic accordionists of our time. His trio **MARTIN LUBENOV'S JAZZTA PRASTA** stands for virtuosity, playfulness, lightness and flamboyance. Under the self-deprecating name - "Jasta prasta" is Bulgarian for confusion - the lively Balkan jazz trio around the accordion dervish Lubenov creates a

breathtaking kaleidoscope of various styles. (martinlubenov.eu/de)

WOMEX - THE WORLD MUSIC EXPO 2015

WOMEX is the most important and largest international trade show for all the varieties of world music. The World Music Expo is organized every October in a different European city, this year in Budapest. Taking place from October 21 - 25, 2015, artists, industry representatives and other interested parties from around the world come together in search of new musical discoveries and a host of networking opportunities.

For the 21st time, the five days of the event are entirely dedicated to world music with the trade fair and numerous exhibitors, the music festival with showcases and a conference, film screening and the bestowal of three different awards. Since 1994, the WOMEX, and its grown network of exhibitors, trade visitors, journalists and visitors, has been contributing to overcoming boundaries by promoting music and culture of all kinds.

Given the situation of people fleeing to Europe and the venue of the trade fair being in Budapest, WOMEX emphasizes how much it understands foreign cultures and refugees as an enriching element and not as a threat. It underlines that migration has contributed to the development of musical diversity throughout the world. With positive examples, the World Music Expo aims to promote mutual cultural understanding.

FACTS & FIGURES

2400 delegates of 1470 institutions from over 90 countries

more than 60 performances on 7 stages

200 international and national journalists

668 exhibitors at 280 booths from 47 countries

950 promoters, festivals and other venues

450 music labels, publishers and distributors

400 government, educational and other institutions

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KLAUS PAIER & ASJA VALCIC: Thursday, October 22, 2015, 16:45, Daycase Stage, Bálna

FEDERSPIEL: October 22, 2015, 22:30, Club Duna - Palace of Arts

MARTIN LUBENOV'S JAZZTA PRASTA: Saturday, October 24, 2015, 14:15, Daycase Stage, Bálna

AUSTRIAN PARTICIPANTS - WOMEX 2015

ARTISTS: Salah Ammo, Paula Barembuem, Mamadou Diabate, Shirley Dimaano, Sakina Teyna, Stefan Sterzinger, Özlem Bulut

AGENCIES: art.e.m., Blanko Musik, CCA Artmusic, CultureWorks, diverted music, GLP – Georg Leitner Productions, Zohreh Jooya, Triart | **EVENT ORGANIZERS:** Glatt & Verkehrt, Jeunesse Musicale Austria, Sargfabrik | **MEDIA:** Emap.FM, ORF OE 1

DISTRIBUTORS: Avitech, Sounddesign Austria | **INSTITUTIONS:** Austrian Music Export, Austrian World Music Association, kulturen in bewegung – VIDC, mica- music austria, Öst. Musikfonds

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