

BALKANSAMBEL

Slovakia

ALBUMS

Balkansambel (2011)

Šlamastika (2016)

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The second album **ŠLAMASTIKA** was released in 2016 and shows how these musicians give a fresh attitude to what we know as brass band. Imagine Bach's music with Greek rhythms of levendikos or Bizet's Carmen as Bulgarian wedding dance and you can get closer to the music of Balkansambel. This unique attitude gained the attention of the WMCE jury and peaked the 15th position in WMCE in January 2017.



BIOGRAPHY

Balkansambel is a popular brass band since 2010 in Slovakia. Multigenre experience of its members enables them to mix seemingly incompatible musical styles. Even though that Balkansambel draws inspiration mainly from the traditional music of Balkan, it deals also with Slovak folk, classical and jazz music in certain extent. What is more, the musical compositions of composer and multiinstrumentalist Marek Pastirik, are refreshingly blended with free improvisations, especially the live performances are **an adrenalizing experience enriched with rhythmical shower and witty comments.**

„Identity in Abstraction is how Balkansambel approaches towards music. Joyful, refreshing, invigorating, Balkansambel is Balkan Music as you never listened before! Don't forget to dance!“

CARLOS BORGES FERREIRA, MUSIC EDITOR/PRODUCER, CFBWEBRADIO DIRECTOR, PORTUGAL



„Right from the first note, Šlamastika is an outburst of creativity and infectious joy. It is striking how effortlessly Balkansambel forges the bridge between folk tradition and contemporary jazz, confecting a seamless blend that can even incorporate Gillespie's "A Night In Tunisia", as if it were the most natural thing in the world. Naturalness is the key word! In spite of all their intricacy, the compositions never sound contrived even for a second. The band's playing leaves nothing to be desired in its accuracy and energy. Add to this the mesmerizing voices of the guest singers, and you get an exuberant, accomplished album bristling with ideas and musical fun. Chapeau!!!“

JOHANN KNEIHS, STAFF EDITOR WITH AUSTRIAN PUBLIC RADIO ORF Ö1

BALKANSAMBEL ENSEMBLE

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| MAREK PASTÍRIK | sax, caval, taragot, bag pipes, bawu |
| ANDREJ RÁZGA | trumpet, flugelhorn |
| MARTIN NOGA | trombone, bass trumpet |
| JURAJ HODAS | tuba |
| PETER HRUBÝ | accordeon |
| MARTIN KRÁLIK | drums |
| VERONIKA VAŽÁNOVÁ | vocals |

FESTIVALS

Colours of Ostrava (2017), Tallin Music Week (2017), World Music Festival Bratislava (2016), Kolkota India/Balkansambel tour August (2016), Pononica Folk Fest (2016), Hudba sveta Žilina (2015, 2016, 2017), Mesterségek Unnepe Budapest (2015), World Music Festival Polanica Zdrój (2015), FIF Cismigiu festival Bucharest (2015), Jazz Fest Uherské Hradište (2014), Fest Dobré Bohunice (2013), Babel Sound Hungary (2013) Pohoda festival Trenčín (2012)

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