



**JOHN MARSHALL (USA, trumpet, vocals)
& int. All Stars Quintett**

Chris Byars (USA), sax
Vahagn Hayrapetyan (ARM), piano
Egor Kryukovskikh (RUS), drums
Stephan Kurmann (CH), bass



John Marshall International Quintet, May 2019 Tour New York trumpeter John Marshall, a regular guest at Bird's Eye for many years, brings an all-star quintet to Germany and Switzerland. 3 - 4.05.2019 the group will perform at Bird's Eye. 10.05.2019 at Birdland/Neuburg a. d. Donau.

John Marshall (New York, 1952) enriched countless bands since the 1970's with his distinctive jazz style. Buddy Rich, Lionel Hampton, Mel Lewis, Gerry Mulligan, Mario Bauza, George Coleman, among many others. In the 1980's he led the hard-bop quintet The Bopera House, which included pianist Tardo Hammer and saxophonist Ralph La Lama. From 1992 he was a member and featured soloist with the WDR Big Band in Cologne Germany. He continued his New York activities with semi-annual shows at Smalls and recordings. In Europe he toured regularly with

leading saxophonists, like Grant Stewart and Ferdinand Povel. John released twelve CDs as a leader and many more as a special guest. Since 2016 Marshall has toured Russia and the baltic states many times. His latest CD on Organic Music, was recorded in Saint Petersburg in July 2017. In recent years he has also developed into an engaging singer.

Saxophonist, Composer, arranger Chris Byars, (New York, 1970) excels on many levels. He was an essential participant in the early days of Smalls in the 1990's, as many older jazz legends, since departed, passed on the flame to a younger generation. Chris immersed himself in the work of giants like Tadd Dameron, Gigi Gryce, Lucky Thompson and many others, releasing many, many CDs on the Steeplechase label featuring the music of the earlier masters as well as his own compositions. He has been a close collaborator of the legendary arranger Don Sebesky. as a cultural ambassador of the United States State Department, he has toured fifty countries. He has been a guest arranger, soloist and bandleader with the famous WDR Big Band in Cologne.

Pianist Vahagn Hayrapetyan, (Armenia, 1969) has been a powerful creative force for many years. Already as a child, he was featured on his own television program. He honed his jazz style in New York in the 1990's. His style evokes the great master Barry Harris, with whom he enjoys a special relationship. He has worked with Elvin Jones, Charles Davis, Leroy Williams and Igor Butman, among others. He appears frequently in Moscow, Paris, and throughout Europe. Vahagn composes and arranges for all size groups, up to and including symphony orchestras. He is also a wonderful jazz singer.

Drummer Egor Kryukovskikh (Russia, 1985) is probably the most sought-after drummer in Saint Petersburg, wider Russia, and beyond. He is equally at home driving the Jazz Classic Trio and the Jazz Philharmonic Hall Big Band. Egor has toured Russia and the baltic states extensively with Marshall since 2016, and plays on the new CD they recorded in Saint Petersburg. His uncompromising style lifts every group he plays with to a higher level.

Bassist Stephan Kurmann (Basel, 1958) is an indispensable component of Switzerland's jazz scene for many years. He founded Bird's Eye along with a few others. and has ensured the high quality of the program there. He also spends much time playing and recording in Brazil every year. Stephan has toured several times throughout Europe with Marshall's quintets, including those with outstanding saxophonist Grant Stewart.