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ZWEIMAURER ~ JUMBLE

ATS 1016 (Barcode: 9005216010165) ~ AUSTRIA ~ Jazz

Recorded: 2023 Released: 2024

This is an album by the Austrian Jazz quartet co-led by pianist / vocalist / composer **Anna Maurer** and her father saxophonist / composer / bandleader **Christian Maurer**, jokingly christened **Zweimaurer** (two Maurers). The rhythm section comprises of bass guitarist **Robert Riegler** and drummer **Wolfgang Rainer**. The album presents ten tracks, five composed by Anna Maurer, four by Christian Maurer and one is a standard.

The music is all wonderfully melodic and mostly up-tempo mainstream Jazz, excellently performed by the quartet and sparkling with energy and vigor. Christian is a superb saxophonist, with years of experience playing with the best musicians in Europe. The young Anna follows her Father in his Jazz footsteps with obvious talent and youthful Groove. Riegler is a monster bass guitar virtuoso, with a Funky / Fusiony feel, which kicks the music forward, and finally Rainer adds an energetic rhythmic drums layer, to make everything work like a clockwork from the neighboring Switzerland.

Overall, this is a truly delightful album, which takes the listener on a hurricane driven ride from one tune to the next, full of beautiful melodies and precise execution, which is a breeze of fresh air in the almost lethargic atmosphere that rules in contemporary Jazz. The music is exciting and highly entertaining,