

FUCHS THON ORCHESTRA

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A contemporary, orchestral big band sound that crosses boundaries and challenges established listening habits.

The FUCHSTHON ORCHESTRA represents anything but a traditional big band. With an expanded line-up including violin, vocals and electronics, the 20 award-winning musicians represent the state of the art of contemporary large jazz ensembles. The works of band leaders Christina Fuchs and Caroline Thon are characterised by powerful tutti passages and brass voicings à la Maria Schneider followed by moments of silence, punctuated by collective improvisations by smaller sub-units of the band. The result is an impressive musical experience that makes full use of the diverse sound colours and possible combinations of the instruments involved.

Since its foundation in 2019, the FUCHSTHON ORCHESTRA has established itself as one of the leading, innovative large ensembles in Germany. 2021 they were nominated for the German Jazz Award. 2023 they released their debut album "Structures & Beauty" with ENJA Records and were celebrated by the audience on their release tour! 2024 marks the 5th anniversary of the FUCHSTHON ORCHESTRA and the ensemble is breaking new ground. **Reloaded #6** is all about visualisation, improvisation and new ensemble formats. They invite **Berlin video artist Claudia Schmitz** as a guest and are expanding their spectrum to include another genre.

With its rich textures, brilliant arrangements and solo highlights, the FUCHSTHON ORCHESTRA fascinates, clairvoyantly anchored in the present and at the same time visionary for the future. Captivating and touching, urgent and challenging.

More than 20 musicians, many of whom have won prizes and have long been present on the jazz scene, make up this masterful ensemble, which impressively transports the listener to new soundscapes.

FUCHSTHON ORCHESTRA **Line up**

Christina Fuchs & Caroline Thon (direction, composition, conducting)
Roger Hanschel, Julian Drach, Veit Lange, Jens Böckamp, Kira Linn (saxes)
Jan Schneider, Matthias Knoop, John-Dennis Renken, Matthias Bergmann (trumpets)
Philipp Schitteck, Matthias Schuller, Matthias Muche (trombones)
Wolf Schenk (basstrombone, tuba), Zuzana Leharová (violin)
Filippa Gojo (voice), Laia Genc (piano), Andreas Wahl (guitar), Alex Morsey (bass)
Jens Düppe (drums), Eva Pöpplein (electronics, live samples)