

“Rain Song” by Stefan Varga Quartet

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Stefan Varga, guitar / Wolfgang Ritter, double bass / Jens Biehl, drums / Heiko Hubmann, trumpet & flugelhorn

(...) It makes us forget that, for a large part of this year, our entire universe had to be condensed within the four walls of our homes, during the endless-like “Lockdown”, as it has been called in North America and elsewhere, and whose musical version in this work takes us from serenity to optimism through shades of sadness and apathy, an emphatic amazement and, finally, the stylization of enthusiasm ... an exact portrait of our emotional rhythms during this experience shared on a global scale. Perhaps, we might have to wait a little longer, to reach its bright end, as anticipated by the album with “Clear night”, a true oasis.

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We are already familiar with Varga’s splendid trajectory and the powers of seduction of his instrumental works of jazz, swing and other experimental rhythms published in more than seven albums with his quartet Zozo, the duo Eichinger & Varga and the trio Swing Guitars. The classic stamp of his original compositions invites the ear, yet the sinuosities and fusions to which he subtly bets are those that, finally, captivate all the senses and induce fantasy.

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Each piece hides a surprise: sensuality, consciousness, fiction. Each one invites us to find our most comfortable armchair in our favorite corner, prepare a hot drink and enjoy it thoroughly, so to calmly experience the second chapter of the planetary drama we are going through, as our second winter in hibernation. With this company, which also invites previous or latter generations, this will not be a confinement, but a moment of recollection, rest and contemplation. Until we can meet and hug each other again.

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