

Sylvie Courvasier – Lucas Niggli - Duo

Sylvie Courvoisier - piano

Lucas Niggli - drums

Sylvie Courvoisier and Lucas Niggli are amongst the most interesting exponents the young Swiss music scene, which also receives attention in Europe and elsewhere. They share a love for contemporary music and improvisation, as well as the expansion of conventional ways of playing their instruments. They have been playing together for five years. The music which has evolved in this time is characterised by an advanced formal consciousness, quick changes, beautiful sounds, humour and a discipline, which provides the improvisation with urgency. The degree by which the two musical personalities blend is astonishing. It is, however, also necessary for such a dance on the tightrope with no security net. The piano-drums duo has come to be almost a classic line-up in the fields of jazz and improvisation, mainly because of important groups such as Cecil Taylor with different drummers, Irène Schweizer and Pierre Favre and others. Bartok, for instance, wrote for this combination. The piano can well be counted among the rhythm instruments. It also combines the entire spectrum of an orchestra. The drums- understood in a broader sense- provide a very suitable counterpart with its countless sound colours and dynamics. The duo therefore sounds absolutely complete in terms of sound, dynamic, energy and colours.