

THE SUGAR FOOT STOMPERS – CLASSIC JAZZ

The SUGAR FOOT STOMPERS from Loerrach commit themselves to the original Classic Jazz from the 1920s as played by Louis Armstrong, Jelly Roll Morton, Joe King Oliver, Clarence Williams and other co-founders of the New Orleans Jazz. It was manifested in 2015 with the fourth recording of the Stompers named „Classic Jazz“.

In year-long research transcriptions and original arrangements based on Shellac recordings of e.g. Louis Armstrong's Hot Five/Hot Seven, King Oliver's Creole Jazzband und Jelly Roll Morton's Red Hot Peppers were collected or recomposed by a professional arranger.

The band was founded as a school band in the 1980s at "Hebelgymnasium Loerrach". In 1986 the very first LP was recorded at the Loerrach Jazzclub. The Jazztone is one of the oldest clubs in Europe, featuring in its very long history musicians so far in more than 1000 concerts.

On the LP, the band played first tunes of Oliver, Morton and Armstrong based on American arrangements which were available at that time.

After school and studies, the band had to reshuffle on 2 instruments but ever since 1990 the players and their instruments have not changed anymore.

Subsequently, 2 more CD projects were successfully completed: in 1994 the CD "After you've gone" and in 2003 the CD "Ticket to New Orleans" were recorded and released. The latter expressing a wish to once do a jazz and culture trip to the cradle of the classic jazz in New Orleans which eventually came true in 2006.

Almost 30 years later and in a 100-year-old tradition of interpreting this still popular music style the band returned "back to the roots" when recording "Classic Jazz". The recording venue was the Jazztone in Loerrach again.

Band leader Heiner Krause returns to the front line and plays together with Dieter Steininger on 2 cornets just like in the good old days Louis Armstrong next to King Oliver.

INSTRUMENTATION

Dieter Steininger (tp, co)
Thomas Kaltenbach (pos)
Andreas Walter (cl)
Hiroki Ichikawa (cl, sop. sax, as, ts, wbd)
Heiner Krause (wbd, voc, co)
Johannes Mauch (p)
Christian Mauch (bj)
Bernd Schöpflin (sousa)