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### ROBERT BACHNER BIG BAND ~ MOMENTS OF NOISE

*ATS 0616 (Barcode: 9005216006168) ~ AUSTRIA ~ Jazz*

Recorded: 2006 Released: 2006

This is the debut album by an Austrian Jazz Big Band led by trombonist / composer / arranger / bandleader **Robert Bachner**. The BB comprises of a five piece reed section, a four piece trumpet section, a four piece trombone section and a four piece rhythm section. Bachner, who conducts the BB, plays trombone soli on three tracks and his wife **Karin Bachner** adds vocals on two tracks. The album presents nine compositions, five of which are originals by Bachner and four are standards.

Bachner, who is one of the busiest players on the local scene, was a member of the sadly deactivated **Vienna Art Orchestra**, and is now a member of the excellent **Upper Austrian Jazz Orchestra** (led by **Christian Maurer**), but also records leading his own Big Band and smaller ensembles as well as playing in many other outfits, in addition to his composing and teaching duties.

This album shows Bachner more as a composer and bandleader than as a trombone virtuoso, which he certainly is as well. The superb original compositions of his are perfect vehicles for the BB to spread its wings and present its wonderful ability to swing smoothly like a baby's bottom, and yet show the depth, sophistication and power of a BB sound, which undoubtedly is the most versatile and powerful "instrument" within the Jazz idiom. Bachner, although schooled and influenced by American Jazz, is still perfectly able to preserve the European Jazz aesthetics, which is most obvious in the BB treatment of the standards, which have been also often recorded by American BB, and which can be compared.

In his intelligent liner notes Bachner tells the tale of each of the tunes and the circumstances leading to their appearance on the album, which is also a greatly educational read about the

...was and still is a very fertile ground for this particular subgenre.

For European Jazz lovers who are not familiar with the Austrian scene, this album is a great introduction both to the local talents and the vitality of the music being performed there. For Jazz Big Band enthusiasts, this is an absolute must have. Wholeheartedly recommended!

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