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**ROBERT BACHNER / HELMAR HILL ~ EIN FEINER ZUG**

**ATS 0644 (Barcode: 9005216006441) ~ AUSTRIA ~ Jazz**

**Recorded: 2005 Released: 2007**

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This is the debut album by the duo comprising of Austrian Jazz musicians: trombonist / composer **Robert Bachner** and pianist / composer **Helmar Hill**. The album presents six (one being a three-part concerto for trombone and piano) original compositions, three each by the duo members.

Bachner and Hill, who are among the busiest players on the local scene, are both members of the splendid **Upper Austrian Jazz Orchestra**, but also record with their own ensembles as well as play in many other outfits.

This album beautifully emphasizes their abilities both as talented composers and superb instrumentalists, presenting a masterpiece recording in the "Art of the Duo" Jazz idiom, which always was one of my favorite Jazz facets. It is intimate and demanding, showing perfectly the interplay and communication between the two musicians and their telepathic coordination, and allowing a proper display of their individual chops, which are spectacular indeed.

The compositions are all wonderfully melodic, exhibiting the typical European melancholy, especially so in the case of the concerto composed by Hill, which combines several musical themes and an almost Classical compositional approach.

This album is a perfect example of the "less is more" principle, which albeit its seemingly limited instrumental possibilities proves that two great musicians can be no less effective than a much larger ensemble. The elegance, finesse and astounding musicianship offered by the duo attest to the strength of the European Jazz scene, which has no reason to display any inferiority complex in reference to Jazz musicians from across the pond.

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 "Art of the Duo" enthusiasts, this is an absolute must have. Wholeheartedly recommended!

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