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ROBERT BACHNER ~ TRAVELLING HARD

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AUSTRIA ~ Jazz

Recorded: 2005 Released: 2006

This is the second album as a leader by Austrian Jazz trombonist / composer **Robert Bachner**recorded in a quintet setting with saxophonist **Christian Maurer**, pianist **Reinhard Micko**, bassist **Uli Langthaler** and drummer **Christian Salfellner**. The album presents seven original compositions, all by Bachner.

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 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.

As this album shows Bachner is a trombone virtuoso, capable of making his instrument sing sweetly and deliver complex sequences, which normally are not associated with the trombone, which sadly is a much neglected instruments in Jazz as far as soloing is concerned.

He is also a gifted composer, able to weave beautiful melodic themes, full of lyricism and melancholy, but also swing hard in his other compositions. Accompanied by four excellent Jazz musicians, he offers on this album wonderful modern mainstream Jazz, which is a delightful musical experience from start to finish. The album won the album of the year prize in Austria in 2006, which is hardly surprising.

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. This is definitely something not only to be discovered but also something to be followed, as the scene is alive and kicking. For trombone enthusiasts, this Home Record Reviews Submitting Records Book Collection Record Collection

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