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UPPER AUSTRIAN JAZZ ORCHESTRA ~ CRAZY DAYS: PLAYS THE MUSIC OF ED PUDDICK

ATS 0972 (Barcode: 9005216009725) ~ AUSTRIA ~ Big Band Jazz

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This is an album by the **Upper Austrian Jazz Orchestra**, led by saxophonist / composer **Christian Maurer** and including many excellent Austrian Jazz musicians like trombonist **Robert Bachner**, pianist **Helmar Hill** and others. The UAJO albums present usually either a concept or special guest, and in this case both, as the music is dedicated to the Jazz compositions / arrangements by British Jazz composer / arranger / bandleader **Ed Puddick**. The album presents twelve original compositions by Puddick, the last five of which are parts of a five-part suite, ominously titled "The Brexit Suite".

The music is a wonderful example of contemporary European Big Band Jazz, full of brilliant compositions dazzlingly executed by the UAJO conducted by Puddick, who managed to travel to Austria from the UK amidst the crazy time dominated by the Covid-19 pandemic and the Brexit crisis. Puddick, who studied with such great Big Band Masters as British **Michael Gibbs** and Austrian **Hans Koller**, continues the European tradition, which calls for complex multilayered and cross-genre compositions and ensemble performances, and the UAJO is just the perfect partner in crime to deliver Puddick's compositions in their full glory.

Overall, this is a great piece of music, which combines the best possible characteristics of modern European Jazz compositions with the Big Band sound, creating an irresistible amalgam of European Big Band Jazz. The UAJO is definitely one of my favorite European Jazz Big Bands and their versatility and marvelous playing and dedication to the music are apparent here, as on all their recordings, all of which are worth exploring. This is definitely one of their most impressive achievements, which deserves to be heard by every true Jazz lover around the globe!

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