

“Steven Santoro And The Magic Of Singing in Coburg”

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The singer and composer with his band from New York at the Coburg-Gastspiel, puts the audience under a spell.

This voice is a musical power station. It hovers in a single melodic line from a weightless treasure to dark, warm depths. It captivates the audience in the hall of "Quiet at the Market" along with the other musicians on stage. Steven Santoro

sings jazz standards like Cole Porters "Get out of Town" and some bluesy selections but makes them sound new. Steven Santoro's singing is filled with energy. Santoro clearly dominates the stage with his intensity. Even when he is not singing but offering space for his band to create.



Freedom and accuracy

Walter Fischbacher at the piano demonstrates the art of increasing intensity, without ever having to become louder. Wolfram Derschmidt, just like when he played with the pianist Kirk Lightsey in March last year, left his contrabass singing and dancing. And Jonathan Mele on the drums unfolds a rhythmic drive with sharp yet seemingly casual precision.

Together, however, Santoro and his band perform what musical interaction should be - the art, in every second, with everyone letting the music breathe, and always finding the balance between individual freedom and technical accuracy.

Pieces with hit potential

Jazz standards like "The Thrill is gone" meet Santoro's own, often ballad-esk tinged pieces, which are included on the new CD "Deep in August". Especially the title song proves that Santoro as a composer also has the ability to write pieces with hit potential.

Santoro's voice with its velvety soft timbre is wonderfully supple and versatile. A Folksong from Newfoundland, "She's like the swallow", succeeds just as impressively as Santoro's song "Waiting for Grace".

Plenty of applause

Plenty of applause for an impressive Coburg performance. The last notes belonged to Santoro alone. In his encore, the singer accompanying himself, sits down at the piano and lets his voice sound melancholic and expressive once more - a final conclusion of an evening to remember.

Artist to guest in Coburg

Steven Santoro is a singer, composer, producer and musician. Over the course of his career, he has worked with numerous jazz greats including Alan Broadbent, Mitchell Forman and Carlos Vega.

