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First Class Big Band

The Rudi Mazač "Kentonmania" Big Band, Prague

The pianist and band leader Stan Kenton (1911-1979) was undoubtedly one of the most colorful figures of jazz in the last century. Big, broad-based sound indicated a synthesis of jazz and symphonic music. Inspired by his greatest sound apparatus (Innovation in Modern Music Orchestra, 1950), the Prague Big Band, "Kentonmania," under its spirited conductor, Rudi Mazač, extended the standard cast to over 30 musicians by adding eight french horns. The press calls Kentonmania "a perfectly oiled big band machine that can also swing properly and do complete justice to sentiment in ballads." (OÖN)

Rudi Mazač studied classical music (horn) at the Prague Conservatory and jazz at the Berklee Jazz College in Boston, and then also earned a master's degree in law. He was a principal horn (soloist) in various symphony and opera orchestras and big bands in the former Czechoslovakia and Yugoslavia, as well as in Italy, Germany and the USA. He founded the virtuoso "French Horn Formation" in Munich in 1976 and then the "Kentonmania" Big Band in Prague in 1988. Since 2004 he has been the initiating spirit behind the already renowned International "Jazz Bridge" from Prague to the EU.

For founding both the International Jazz Bridge Festival and the Kentonmania Big Band, Rudi Mazač was recognized by European Music Associations (1 500 000 members) in 2005 when he accepted the "Motor of Music" Prize at the Frankfurt/Main Music Fair.

As guests we can welcome, among others, the singer Mel Canady, USA and trumpeter Omar Kabir, USA, who also plays French horn, Flugelhorn, Euphonium, Mellophonium, Didgeridoo and even lures sounds from various other shells ...

Repertoire: Swing, Latin, Funky, Rock, Jazz, Classic and ...

Composers: Stan Kenton, John Carisi, Benny Bailey, Duke Ellington, Ray Charles, Count Basie, Stevie Wonder, Joe Cocker, Thad Jones, Lalo Schifrin, Richard Wagner, George Gershwin, Deep Purple, Antonin Dvorak, Ivan Lins, Earth Wind & Fire and ...

