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The Rudi Mazač „Kentonmania“ Big Band - Prague

"A Big Band of the Highest Calibre"

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 the "Kentonmania" ensemble "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 then 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 driving spirit behind the now renowned Int. "Jazz Bridge" from Prague to the EU. In 2005, he was honoured by the 1.5-million-member European Music Association at the Int. Music Fair in Frankfurt/Main --- for having founded the Int. "Jazz Bridge" Festival and the "Kentonmania" Big Band, he received the so-called "Motor of Music" Award.

As guests we can welcome from the USA: singer Martin Růža - ČR

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

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

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