Tian et al



"Lost and Found" is the name of the debut record of young German saxophonist Tian, alias Christian Korthals (Neuklang Records, release September 2012). Tian has collected his musical stories about losing and finding during his one-year journey around the world as a street musician. For his jazz and latin influences, the German press has compared Tian's music to Sonny Rollins, but it is certainly the Flamenco elements that add a unique touch to the traditional jazz combo line-up. While experiment and improvisation do play a big role, Tian has arranged his music clearly, always keeping it understandable, and the message clear: Don't fear the unknown.

Tian was born in 1978 in Nuremberg. He studied the saxophone in Arnhem (The Netherlands), and has since made himself a name as a composer and arranger. Two of his titles are published by *advance music*, and he collaborated with a number of jazz orchestras, like the Grand Central Orchestra Cologne, and the Composers' Orchestra Berlin. His band features musicians from two generations and three countries. Trombonist **Achim Fink** is internationally known through his band "Talking Horns". **Angel Rubio** from Madrid (Flamenco guitar) received numerous prizes for his projects "Madera Jazz", "Big Band del Foro", "Jazzhondo", and has been playing together with the band leader as a duo for three years.

Christian "Tian" Korthals (Soprano and Tenor saxophone)
Achim Fink (Trombone)
Christoph Siegenthaler (Piano)
Ben Tai Trawinski (Double bass)
Tobias Möller (Drums)
Special Guest: Angel Rubio (Flamenco Guitar)

"Fun to listen, strong compositions, great interaction", "They played like gods" (Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, 05.02.2008)

"Excellent on the saxophone, melodic, lyrical pieces" (Kölnische Rundschau, 16.04.2009)

More information, videos and audio samples: www.christian-korthals.de/tian-et-al

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