

Ron Spielman Trio `Absolutely Live`

feat. Benny Greb and Edward Maclean.

After the release of nine studio albums, Ron Spielman now presents his first live record which features Benny Greb and Edward Maclean. `Absolutely Live` is the album's title and it was recorded in Berlin's legendary `Quasimodo` club. The recording mirrors the unrestrained, imaginative and powerful musical presence of Ron's trio and the three technically and musically gifted players leave no questions unanswered.

Ron Spielman

After receiving his first guitar at the age of 14, he taught himself his first chords and riffs by listening to records. He formed his first band in the `80's. He has since lived in New York and Boston, and toured with The Little River Band, the late Steve Marriott, Dave Stewart, The Chick Corea Electric Band, Bob Geldorf, The Climax Blues Band, Johnny Guitar Watson, and many others.

In 1999, Ron moved to Berlin and shortly thereafter played his first show in Quasimodo. Since then he has become a regular performer in the club, fronting various line-ups. His fan base has steadily grown and since the release of his superb acoustic album `From My Songbook`, he can no longer be considered merely an insider tip.

The music press has heaped praise upon him: `Days on which CD's like that of Ron Spielman's arrive, should be specially noted in any music journalist's calendar.....The `From My Songbook` album is one of the finest productions of recent years.` Wrote the magazine `Jazzpodium`. The T.V. channel SAT 1. made it their Album Of The Week shortly after receiving a copy.

Typical of Ron Spielman's music is his breathtaking guitar style and `timeless` songs. Songs that span Folk, Soul, Country, Jazz and classic R `n` B, are combined with Blues, Funk and Rock elements.....and brilliant songwriting. Whether electric or acoustic, sweaty funk groove or delicate ballad, ten-piece big band or acoustic trio,...Ron Spielman's live performances are not only fun but also leave a lasting impression.

`When was the last time that we were rooted to the spot in silence after a concert, because a musician had robbed words of their meaning with his music?'. (Ken Jebsen, Radio Fritz, Berlin).

This recording clearly reveals the eclectic Ron Spielman to be one of the very best and innovative guitarists/singers to be found presently working in Germany.

Benny Greb reached second place in the 2006 `Modern Drummer Magazine` poll for best `Up and coming Drummer`. He also has a place amongst the `Most famous Drummers of Rock, Pop and Jazz` in the Drummerworld.com library. The `Modern Drummer Readers Poll` in the U.S.A. also voted Benny as one of the best `Up and coming Drummers`, and he was voted as `Best new Artist` and `Best overall recording Artist` by mikedolbear.com.

His solo shows have impressed audiences all over the world, and include the World Drum Festival; the N.A.M.M. show in Los Angeles; the Drummer Live Event in the Wembley Arena; the Pasic Convention in Texas, and the Montreal Drum Festival.

This year he has been invited to present Drum Clinics in England; New Zealand; Australia and Asia. His first solo album, `Grebfruit` was released in 2005 and Benny not only played drums on the record but also produced, composed, sang and played guitar and bass. He was joined on the recording by Peter Wölpl (Billy Cobham), Judith Holofernes (Wir Sind Helden) and Thomas Lang (Robbie Williams, Gianna Nannini, Asia)

Edward MacLean has toured as an electric and doublebass player with a variety of bands, including Ubenja Kuma and Jocelyn B. Smith. He is part of Seeed-singer Peter Fox' solo project and he will be on tour with Fox in December this year. He is a very modest gentleman of great taste, bearing and style.