

## Uddybende projektbeskrivelse (in English)

### **“KAT” MODIANO group**

**urban fusion of jazz -funk- contemporary- electro-acoustic/visual experience**

#### **The project:**

World Scene Platform (WSP) invited my band, “K A T” MODIANO group to perform a concert during the Winter Jazz Festival on 16th of February 2022 at 20:30, at Støberiet, a multi-cultural lively venue, located on Blågårdsplads 3-5, Kbh N.

The venue does not charge rental fees. It also provides free sound engineer, technician, sound system, stage lights, and print/copy facilities. WSP will pay Koda fee, bar supplies, etc. However, WSP is not able yet to pay tariff honorary for my band with 4 musicians.

The band will receive 80% from the ticket sales, while WSP will receive 20%. Therefore, I am applying for support that will cover the tariff honorary for the 4 musicians and part of other expenses related to this project.

The concert will feature my new rhythmic music that I composed this year and recorded with “KAT” Modiano Group in Copenhagen for a coming release.

Please listen to the audio link for the music we will perform:

<https://soundcloud.com/yael-acher/nomad-imagination-roots-of-love/s-nLlx23lRcC>

#### **“KAT” Modiano Group line-up:**

Yael Acher “KAT” Modiano - Flute & effects, electronic tracks, video-collage

Morten Ankarfeldt – Double bass and El bass

Ayi Solomon – Percussion and Vocal

Deodato Siquir– Drums

#### **About "KAT" Modiano Group:**

Returning from New York City, the award winning, and multiple genres flutist/composer/educator Yael Acher “KAT” Modiano continues to lead her fusion jazz-funk group “KAT” MODIANO locally and internationally. The group performed at New York City venues such as: Blue Note, Dizzy’s Club Coca Cola, Iridium, BAMcafe, Galapagos, Morris-Jumel Mansion, APAP 2017, and Newark Museum, NJPAC in NJ. Among numerous venues in Scandinavia, the group performed at: Copenhagen Jazz Festival, Cph Jazz House, Dexter, Rust, Støberiet, and Jazz i Malmö, Sweden.

#### **Reviews:**

- "Yael Acher is a flutist who isn't about faking the funk...her hard-edged Junk Kat Modiano ensemble is run from the kick drum."- Steve Smith, *Time Out New York*.

- "...Acher raises the excitement level frequently by using overblowing techniques to ignite the collective voices"- *Frank Rubolino*, Cadence Magazine, USA.

- "...inheritance of post-hard-bop is especially original and convincing." – Thierry Quénun, *Jazz Magazine*, France.

- “Very dense...highly original interaction between organic and non-organic...”– Kjeld Frandsen, *Berlingske Tidende*, Denmark.

**The music:** With a line-up of established, masterful and soulful groovy musicians, “KAT” Modiano merges together diverse expressions/impressions stemming from different cultures and rhythmic traditions; from fusion jazz-funk to indigenous beats, to afro and afro-Cuban and experimental Noise-art, to contemporary jazz, blues, and spirituals. The ensemble’s expressions are created with energetic pulsating rhythm section, funky -jazz el and acoustic bass lines, blues inspired, non-tonal harmonies on retro keyboards and piano, powerful improvisations with lyrical melodies and rhythmic riffs on the flute and effects, with some afro-impro vocals, and electronic multilayered noise-art.

Eclectic palate of soundscapes varies in structure and atmosphere with different instrumental combinations, from duo to quintet, with and without electronics and an image-collage screenings of abstract, associative, and social awareness visuals.

While some tunes have clear forms with tight orchestrations, others display serial music motifs with more free style improvisation sections and unisons, yet other are more lyrical, like jazz-blues ballads.

Like a heartbeat, RHYTHM is the pivotal element that creates an overall flow like an *abstract cinematic story-telling*; inviting the audience on an adventitious, loving multimedia journey.

**Grants:** “KAT” Modiano’s group has been supported by: Copenhagen Culture Foundation, Danish Artist Union, Danish Musician Union, KODA, Northern Manhattan Arts Alliance, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, and more.

**Interviews and Broadcastings:** HORIZONTE- "la vuelta a la manzana"- Mexican National Radio, WHCR 90.3FM, THE VOICE OF HARLEM, NYC, Danish Radio, Copenhagen Kanal, Radio Shalom, Jazz News and Jazz –Live, WFMU Freeform Radio- New Jersey, USA, “Territori Sonor” Radio, Barcelona, Euronews, etc.

**CD Releases featuring “KAT” Modiano’s music:** *Redcar*, (released on MODIANO in 2001), *Modiano*, (released on MODIANO in 2003), *La Belle Ombre*, (released on Capstone Records in 2006), “KAT” & “MOON” in *Manna-hata* – (released independently in 2014), *Humanity is an ocean- Flute Soundscapes* (released on Centaur Records in 2020).

And coming up *NOMAD Imagination – Roots of Love* (to be released in 2022).

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