



Ross, Florian / WDR Big Band

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After his acclaimed 2020 collaboration with the WDR Big Band, composer and arranger Florian Ross returns with another inspired meeting of minds. This new release continues his exploration of what the modern jazz orchestra can be — expansive in color, rich in detail, and deeply human in expression.

Over the past few years, Ross has steadily shaped a musical voice that is unmistakably his own: intricate yet lyrical, rhythmically alive yet full of space. The ten pieces gathered here — some newly written, others rediscovered from as far back as 1992 — reveal the scope of his imagination and his enduring partnership with the extraordinary musicians of the WDR Big Band.

The music moves effortlessly between worlds: from sweeping cinematic landscapes to grooves with a fusion edge, from exuberant swing to moments of quiet, European-inflected harmony. Each track is built around the personalities within the band — written not just for instruments, but for people, their sounds, and their stories. What emerges is both a continuation and a renewal. Ross's writing remains as sophisticated and warm as ever, but there's a new sense of openness here, a willingness to let melody and emotion take the lead. It's music that rewards attention, yet it also welcomes you in from the first note — a celebration of what happens when vision meets virtuosity.

Recorded Jan 09-18, 2025 at STUDIO 4, WDR Funkhaus Wallrafplatz, Cologne, Germany.
Producer: Florian Ross (TPR) - Exec. Producer: Arnd Richter (WDR)

Band member

Böbel, Jonathan	Trombone
Both, Wim	Trumpet
Brenan, Craig	Trombone
Breuls, Ruud	Trumpet
Brodersen, Kristina	Saxophone
Bruynen, Rob	Trumpet
Busch, Hanno	Guitar
Cederberg, Mattis	Trombone
Dekker, Hans	Drums
Fitzpatrick, Ben	Saxophone
Haderer, Andy	Trumpet
Heller, Paul	Saxophone
Hörlen, Johan	Saxophone
Neufang, Jens	Saxophone
Nuss, Ludwig	Trombone

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Rey, Stefan	Bass
Robb, Andrew	Bass
Ross, Florian	Comp/Id.
Test, Billy	Piano/Organ

Guest artist

Fischer, Claus	Bass
Linn, Kira	Bariton Sax/Bass clarinet
Reuthner, Martin	Trumpet
Schmitz, Cay	Trumpet

Producer

Ross, Florian

Mixer

Christian Schmitt
Walter Platte

Mastering

Ross, Florian

Phonotraphy

Ross, Florian

Tracklist

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| 1. | Catania | 08:23 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 2. | ELD1 | 06:26 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 3. | Clapham Junction | 06:51 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 4. | Lore | 06:00 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 5. | Think Out Loud | 06:58 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 6. | Here, My Love | 05:35 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 7. | Surf & Turf | 05:31 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 8. | Now And Then And Now Again | 07:44 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 9. | 1988 | 04:58 |
| | M: Florian Ross | |
| 10. | Body & Soul | 06:08 |
| | M: Johnny Green | |