

P R E S S I N F O

jazzy · groovy · relaxing

BLUE VALENTINE

Blue Valentine combines traditional Jazz with commercial music. The mixture of ballads, groovy standards, cool fusion, a bit of pop and some originals will not only appeal to serious jazz fans, but to a wide range of audiences.

This band excels in turning well-known pop songs into cool lounge-music, followed on by classics from Django Reinhardt, Miles Davis, Grover Washington Jr., Sting, Michael Bublé.....creating an atmosphere changing from funky to jazzy with elements of blues and soul music embedded. You simply cannot get bored with this band!

There´s always some coolness in the air when this band plays, not least because these musicians have fun playing their instruments!

The arrangements will capture you with catchy melodies and fascinating breaks, rather than bore you with never-ending solos and overly complicated rhythms.

Judging by their success, it seems these guys have found the right mixture. The feedback they are getting at public shows, for example, „Erding Jazz Days“, or private shows for commercial companies is overwhelming. Alternatively, they are a highly recommended booking for a romantic candlelight dinner at your favourite gourmet restaurant.

After years of commercial work, these four musicians decided to return to their roots and immerse in the music they have always loved to play.

Who are Blue Valentine?

Michael Benker (vocals, piano) stands out with his expressive, powerful, yet sensitive voice that touches every heart. The diversity of his voice is amazing! In his voice you can hear the experience acquired working in various musical styles. You might know him from bands such as Blackjack, Stringtime or from shows with Peter Heger.

Reimo Oberth (guitar) plays the guitar the way you want it! He places fills in exactly the right spot at exactly the right time. With a beautiful warm sound, he is the perfect piece to the puzzle and completes the musical image. He will surprise you with his virtuosity, creating guitar solos that will become lasting memories. You might also remember him from his Flamenco guitar duo, Fuel Ramon.

Ernst Techel (upright bass) frequently plays with all the great names throughout the German Jazz scene. His experience keeps him quite busy with studio sessions and live performances with different big bands, solo singers and jam sessions. You can feel the power within his groove, adding the perfect fundamental elements to the music. And at the right moment, of which there are many, he gives you an impression of his unique and excellent virtuosity!

P R E S S I N F O

jazzy · groovy · relaxing

Thomas Bittner (drums) has the ability to groove at low volumes with high intensity! For him, it is most important to transmit the energy of the music to the audience. Artist and instrument are merely a tool to do so. His experience includes working with musicians such as Abi Ofarim, Dr. Will, Schorsch Hampel...

André Carol alias Wolfgang Vetter (trumpet): at the age of 16 he already received his first music award. His ability to play soft, smooth and yet intense tones gives you a lasting memory! However, he could just as easily play it loud and fast in Latin or big band style. Put simply, he can play any style you need...

His references include cd-recordings around the world, world wide tours with well-known artists such as Al Martino, Jiggs Whigham, Harvey Keitel, the Soul Kitchen band and his own André Carol Orchestra.

Blue Valentine means....listen...relax...snap your fingers...and enjoy!

More Infos, pictures und audio examples at www.bluevalentine.eu.

Contact | Michael Benker | info@bluevalentine.eu | Phone: +49 8122 96498-50 |