

Hello

A media headline might look like this:

"The oldest newcomer of the year?"

After being a musician for over 25 years, Björn Almgren has finally formed his own quartet. Contexts in which he has been heard have a great breadth. He sees himself as a jazz musician with free jazz / contemporary jazz as a starting point. Now he has written music and is releasing an album with 12 tracks. He has recorded, mixed and mastered himself.

Over the years, he has had the good fortune and joy of being part of fantastic jazzbands in Sweden. He has worked in many fields musically. Artists that he have worked with during the years are artists like Little Dragon, Tallest man on Earth, First Aid Kit, Jens Lekman, José Gonzales, Ebbot from Soundtrack of our lives. A band called Augustifamiljen (Augustfamily), where he is a member in, played for ten years in the biggest tv-show in Sweden. There is a lot of youtube clips to see. Just look for "Augustifamiljen På Spåret".

Now to what he started!

biorn quartet

Is a quartet consisting of Björn Almgren / sax, Karin Hammar / trb, Owe Almgren / bass and Anders Kjellberg / tr.

We play violently beautiful, swinging and with free reins. Power and energy will not be lacking, nor beautiful lines, in a kind of jazzy art-musical spirit. Short comments mixed with long conversations.

The members' merits are many.

Owe Almgren plays in a trio with Zoe Rahman who is an award-winning jazz pianist from London (<https://www.zoerahman.com>). Another trio, barT, had Jim Beard as a guest and they did a tour together.

Karin Hammar has played with some of jazz's greats such as Bob Brookmeyer and Carla Bley and is often hired as a big band musician here at home and internationally. She has her own fantastic band, "Karin Hammar fab 4". Her beautiful trombone playing has also been heard in stage shows with Björn Skifs and Orup. Has several prizes in the luggage, including Jazzkannan 2017.

Anders Kjellberg is a legend. When Björn came to Gbg in the late 80's, he heard him many times in different contexts at the jazz club Nefertiti and was just as happy every time. For example. Entra, Dr Dingo, Lars Jansson trio with guests like Mike Stern and Bob Berg. He has played with Rena Rama, Jazz Baltica, Chapter Seven, Kenny Wheeler, Don Cherry, Dewey Redman, Toamsz Stanko, Jon Balke and so on.



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