

C.V. **MARC MOMMAAS**
TENOR SAXOPHONE & COMPOSER

Mommaas (1969, NL) made NYC his home base in 1997 and has since developed a strong reputation as a tenor saxophonist, composer and leader of his group 'Global Motion'. Mommaas comes from an artistic background. His mother is an opera singer/pianist and his father a well known painter in the Dutch art scene. During Marc's study in the Netherlands he managed to combine his musical development with a university education (Masters in Comm.Science/Business). After receiving two **grants** (Stichting Podium Kunsten, Prins Bernard Fonds & Anjer Fondsen) he moved to New York City.

Marc received a full scholarship from the Manhattan School of Music where he pursued his Masters in Jazz Performance and upon graduating was awarded the '**William H. Borden Award**'. He also participated in the Lake Placid Seminar and the Aspen Snowmass Jazz Sessions for which he received full scholarships. He frequently tours Europe, the US and Canada with different formations and tours with three groups of his own: "**Global Motion**", "**Mommaas/Moreno/Nadley**" trio and "**Balance**" (duo).

The first release as a leader "**Global Motion Trio**" includes pianist Nikolaj Hess from Copenhagen, bassist John Hebert from New Orleans and the renowned percussionist Tony Moreno from New York City. The second recording "**Global Motion**" released by Sunny Side records (2003) earned critical praise in Downbeat, Jazztimes, Jazzimprov and All About Jazz. All the music is written and arranged by Marc Mommaas. The new Sunny Side Duo Release "**Balance**" with Nikolaj Hess by Sunny Side records (2006) has also been well received. Mommaas can also be heard on recordings of Bill Gerhardt (Steeplechase Rec.), Rez Abassi (Soho Rec.), Armen Donelian (Sunny Side Records), and more...

In 2008 a new recording will be released featuring compositions from long time collaborator Nikolaj Hess with special guests Jeff Ballard and Ben Monder. The trio will be making a new record, Global Motion will be touring the festivals in the summer and the Duo will be touring Europe and Scandinavia in the fall.

"...Balance is just one more fact in Mommaas' resume that builds to the conclusion that he should be one of the current generation's leading musicians..." (Jazzimprov)

After the highly acclaimed release "Global Motion" Dutch tenor saxophonist Marc Mommaas brings out "Balance", a duo recording including his longtime Danish collaborator Nikolaj Hess. "Even though Mommaas has pared down his group to a duo for Balance, his aesthetic of mixing meters—even within the confines of a single composition or within the length of several measures—and of writing unconventional modulations continues" (Jazzimprov)

"...Mommaas is a gifted tenor saxophonist, and a writer of intricate and pleasingly unpredictable tunes... The music has its own nearly classical beauty." (Jazztimes)

"Wonderful compositions, great concept and a beautiful tone on the horns, Marc and his group have made some delightful, intimate music that is first class. You are in store for a pleasant listening experience." --David Liebman 2000

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