

ALBUM DETAILS

TRACKLISTING

01. Uvumilivu (7:20)
02. Warriors For Peace (5:32)
03. Midnights Clearing (7:27)
04. Eclipse In 5 (Interlude) (0:26)
05. Let It Go (6:37)
06. Abandoned Discovery (8:07)
07. Understand What I Mean (5:20)
08. For Those Who Break The Silence (Interlude) (0:29)
09. When Time Passes By (5:19)
10. Coexistence (6:42)
11. Let It Go (Vocal) (7:19)

PERSONAL

E.J. STRICKLAND: drums
GODWIN LOUIS: alto sax
JURE PUKL: tenor & soprano saxes
TABER GABLE: piano
JOSH GINSBURG: bass
ULRICH EDORH: vocals (track 11)

META DATA

ARTIST: E.J. Strickland Quintet
TITLE: Warriors For Peace
GENRE: Jazz
LABEL: Jammin'colorS
CATALOG NUMBER: JC18-006-2
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STREET & RADIO ADD DATE: 20 November 2018

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„Strickland shows keen compositional skills, favoring melodicism, hip harmonies, strong rhythmic drive“
Downbeat (USA)

„Excellent“
Jazz FM (UK)

4 stars
Jazz Magazine (France)

„What a great album ! Jazz and beyond. Groove and spirit. Fun and réflexion.“
Jazzques (Belgium)

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THE E.J. STRICKLAND QUINTET

« WARRIORS FOR PEACE »



ABOUT E.J. STRICKLAND

Enoch Jamal “E.J.” Strickland is a world-class, world-traveled drummer, composer and artist heard on over 60 albums in the last 10 years.

E.J. quickly graduated into New York’s gigging jazz scene, playing with the greatest names in contemporary music. He has long stints with Ravi Coltrane, Russell Malone, Marcus Strickland, Manuel Valera and also had opportunities to work on occasion with artists like Wynton Marsalis, Cassandra Wilson, Herbie Hancock and many others.

Influenced by wonderful drummers (Elvin Jones, Philly Joe Jones, Roy Haynes, Jimmy Cobb, Tony Williams, Jeff “Tain” Watts, Brian Blade), he rapidly developed his own eclectic and creative style. Variety of influence and interest might be the key words for E.J. in his musical approach.

He reminds us: “You’re not going to hear a traditional jazz drummer. You’re going to hear someone who’s drawing from many different styles, many different

TOUR DATES

22 November 2018

Velenje (Slovenia)
Max Klub

23 November 2018

Ljubljana (Slovenia)
The Ljubljana Castle

25 November 2018

Brussels (Belgium)
Archiduc

27 November 2018

Dudelange (Luxembourg)
Opderschmelz

30 November to 3 December 2018

Athens (Greece)
Half Note Jazz Club

16 January 2019

New York (USA)
Jazz Standard

19 March 2019

Schiltigheim (France)
Le Cheval Blanc

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approaches. That's what my true voice is. And I always try to remember that music is fun!"

These days, E.J. finds himself writing music more than anything else and focusing on being a bandleader and a musician, creating great vehicles for his band to play on. He is also touring all over the world with Ravi Coltrane, Manuel Valera, Brandee Younger, Reggie Washington, Dave Weiss, Christian Sands, ...

In "Warriors For Peace", E.J. has created an opus dedicated to all those who understand that to achieve peace, equality and justice in this world, one must break the silence and be proactive. The musicians of the album, Godwin Louis, Jure Pukl, Taber Gable and Josh Ginsburg, have helped him immensely in the musical translation of this concept.

Armed with the power and complexity of his drumming, E.J. Strickland continues to clear a path for himself in the jazz world and beyond. A path that can only grow wider in the years to come!

ABOUT "WARRIORS FOR PEACE"

Fun. Stirring. Intriguing. Kinetic: There are so many moods and meanings enmeshed into E.J. Strickland's music. His myriad influences and ideas crossing and branching out in every direction set up the basis for a remarkable album.

"Warriors For Peace" will be a brilliant success and a joy to share a committed musical approach. It is an album with only original compositions by E.J. Strickland which reflects the peaceful and persistent intensity with which battles for peace, equality, & justice are fought worldwide. It is a dedication to those who break the silence and stand up for what is right, even in the face of much adversity.

The album was recorded in April 2018 on the road in Marseille (France). The overall feeling is very peaceful & joyous. Although one wouldn't classify it as a ballads album, it gives a similar sensation of calm beauty & elegance. All the musicians on this album play with the same love & joy. Each E.J. composition is a journey towards peace, whether it be about taking a stand against evil or finding inner peace within ourselves.

Strickland, who composed all the 11 tracks, including "Warriors For Peace" the eponymous title and a vocal "Let It Go", stated about his musicians: "Godwin Louis on alto sax is just a wonderful musician and human being. He is always "on" when we perform. Jure Pukl on tenor & soprano saxes, is a beautiful musician who I've checked out a lot over the years as a leader of his own groups in NY. This will be our first album playing with one another. Taber Gable is a super sensitive and exciting pianist who I've just started working with. You can really feel his love and appreciation for music in his playing. Josh Ginsburg is a bassist with an incredible feel and spirit ».

It is high quality, sophisticated jazz in the modern traditional sense - nothing avant-garde, but fresh melodies with hip harmonies played head, solo, head by some of the best jazz musicians in the business. As a matter of fact, E.J.'s band-mates' performances are illuminating, but during all tunes of "Warriors for Peace" it's Strickland who's shining the light!

In this CD, E.J. proves again his ability to get the most out of his musicians and to show that drummer-led music gives listeners a unique opportunity to live creative, eclectic, enjoyable music, always full of freshness, fun and groove.

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