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**Tomáš Liška joins forces with the Invisible World band and the Czech Radio Symphonic Orchestra to release a new album titled "Synergy."**



Renowned double bassist and composer Tomáš Liška is releasing his sixth solo album titled "Synergy." This work is the extraordinary result of a collaboration between his international band, Invisible World, and the Czech Radio Symphonic Orchestra. Adding a unique sound and energy to the recording is Liška's band, which brings together musicians from Turkey and Serbia.

The album "Synergy" consists of four compositions that Tomáš Liška specially prepared and arranged for this collaboration. The live performance, recorded by Czech Radio, took place in October of the previous year at the DOX+ hall in Prague. It is set to be released on September 1, 2023, in LP, CD, and digital formats.

Why the title Synergy? "That word perfectly captures the situation that unfolded during the October concert," describes Tomáš Liška. "It was the merging of two very different entities, several nationalities, and several cultures into a unique whole. The synergy that flowed among all of this at that time was truly exceptional."

The album is released on Tomáš Liška's own label, Invisible Records, just like his previous album "Hope" (2020), which won the Anděl Award in the Jazz category. Has it proven successful to release your own work independently, both in terms of production and financially? "If I wanted to release this music, I didn't have any other option. I cast my nets wide, but nobody was interested in releasing it, just like with the previous 'Hope' album. So, it came down to either mixing the album and storing it in the Czech Radio archive or buying the rights and releasing the music myself. I would probably be disappointed if it all went to waste after the concert. It's a piece of my life, another child that I can take pride in. And as for the financial demands of the project? I believe that everything will come back in due time, and it doesn't necessarily have to be expressed in numbers."

The minimalist album cover features artwork by Japanese painter Yusuke Okamura. "My work is fundamentally abstract, but nature is almost always the trigger," adds Okamura. This artwork, titled "Wind in the air," is meant to represent the wind, its changing direction, and its self-entanglement.

Tomáš Liška enjoys blending various musical genres and cultures in his work. The established international lineup of Invisible World includes accordionist Nikola Zarić from Serbia, violinist Efe Turumtay from Turkey, and drummer Kamil Slezák from Haná. "Preparing for this album was a massive challenge for me. I was writing for such a large ensemble for the first time, and I hesitated for quite a while before getting to work. My friend and composer Tomáš Sýkora often gave me feedback and



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advice on how orchestras function. I don't consider myself a symphonic composer, but delving into the colors of this world was very inspiring. I think my greatest joy comes from the fact that even after everything I've been through with this album, the time we've spent together, there's still a chill running down my spine when I listen to it. While writing, I also thought a lot about the uniqueness of the quartet. Our strength lies in unity and the energy we can create together on stage and share with the audience. I wanted to preserve that, and I believe we succeeded," describes Tomáš Liška.

Tomáš Liška has been a prominent figure in the Czech and international music scene, primarily in the jazz and world genres. For the past 13 years, he has also been a member of the group Robert Křesťan & Druhá tráva. He has released a total of six solo albums, five of which received nominations and one won the Anděl Award in the Jazz & Blues category. His purely original band, Invisible World, took its final form and lineup six years ago and is acclaimed worldwide. In addition to the individual members' virtuosity, the band is recognized for its unique expression and sensitive fusion of original music, jazz, and world music.

The album is available on CD, LP, and as a digital download through the Invisible Records label's e-shop in all mentioned formats. The single "Dunga Runga" will be available on common streaming platforms starting September 1, 2023. The album is supported by the OSA Partner Foundation.

Album Information:

Recording: Rostislav Supa, Czech Radio

Mixing: Rostislav Supa

Music Direction: Petr Hanzlík

Mastering: Darius van Helfteren, Amsterdam Mastering/NL

Cover Art: Radek Pokorný

Graphics: Yusuke Okamura

Personnel:

Tomáš Liška – Double Bass

Nikola Zarić – Accordion

Efe Turumtay – Violin

Kamil Slezák – Drums & Percussion

Czech Radio Symphonic Orchestra

Bastien Stil – Conductor

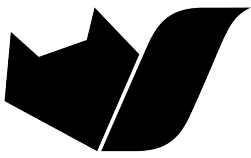
Tracklist:

1. People from Faldum

2. Dunga Runga

3. Alegría en Masca

4. Mafioso



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Music Video for "Dunga Runga":

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pMYj61Q-Oc&ab\\_channel=Tom%C3%A1%C5%A1Li%C5%A1ka](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6pMYj61Q-Oc&ab_channel=Tom%C3%A1%C5%A1Li%C5%A1ka)

Streaming link Spotify:

<https://open.spotify.com/track/2i9G39LMqTAX60S7rrDSe1?si=8ab7b4a8db134e99>

MP3, COVER, FOTO KIT:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/tza8i13v6a395bhueasbp/h?rlkey=zxr93wh79bokyt0yzksbfjerb&dl=0>

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