

StarkLinnemann

From the early beginnings in 2012 StarkLinnemann is attempting to produce music with an agelessness character. As musicians and composers they are creating a style of their own by blending jazz with elements of classical music and world music. Their definition of being an artist means to constantly push oneself in order to reach the ultimate rendition of a work of art. StarkLinnemann's approach of transforming classical masterpieces by Liszt, Chopin, Mussorgsky and Beethoven into long and complex but coherent and moving modern jazz compositions is exceptional in jazz-history. The genre of StarkLinnemann is best described as Universal Crossover Music.

The co-leaders of the band Paul Stark (piano) and Jonas Linnemann (drums) are continuously searching for musicians who are willing to conform to the broad vision of StarkLinnemann. Since the group's foundation they have worked with diverse line-ups and have shown to be very versatile in terms of musical styles and genres. This can be heard on their albums *Awake* (2014) and *Transcending Chopin Volume 1* (2016). With the launch of the third album *Transcending Chopin Volume 2 & 3* in the fall of 2016 the StarkLinnemann Quartet crystallised into a coherent entity with Vasilis Stefanopoulos on bass and Iman Spaargaren on Saxophone. Multi reed player Iman Spaargaren complements the group perfectly with his passionate playing.

Just recently Linnemann and Stark started working with Polish bassist Maciej Domaradzki and Dutch bassist Joris Teepe. Looking ahead the StarkLinnemann Quartet wants to keep on producing crossovers between classical music and jazz as well as releasing original work with an adventurous character. They are continuing their journey with their latest release entitled *Pictures at an Exhibition* for the label UCM Records.

The StarkLinnemann Quartet is performing regularly across the Netherlands and beyond.

The official World Premiere for *Pictures at an Exhibition* is scheduled for **November 4th 2018 at the Philharmonia St.Petersburg.**

Other performances during the Album Release tour are scheduled in Berlin, Vilnius, Riga and Moscow.

The official Release for the Netherlands is scheduled for **November 17th at the Royal Concertgebouw in Amsterdam.**

More information and concert updates can be found at www.starklinnemann.com