



CLAUDIO JR DE ROSA JAZZ 4ET

Forces - CD Description

“If an egg is broken by an outside force, life ends.
If broken by an inside force, life begins”

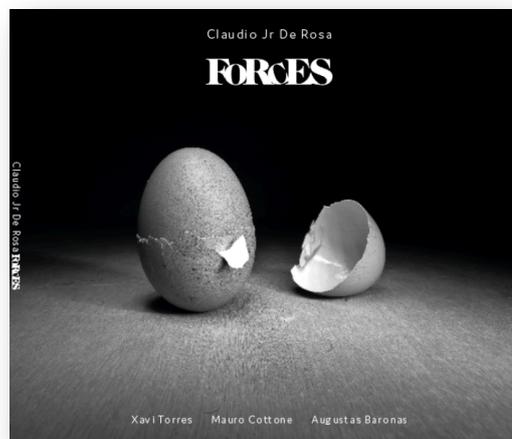
Every journey starts from inside, and only by allowing yourself to explore your inner world, you will manage to express and share your true forces.

“Forces” is Claudio Jr De Rosa’s second recording and follows the success obtained by the debut album “Groovin’ Up!”. Inspired by the aforementioned quote, De Rosa undertakes a personal musical journey and draws 9 new pieces, outlining and exploring new concepts and sonorities that bring novelty in a stylistic and in a compositional way. Besides “Living Forces”, which is the musical interpretation of the quote, there are numerous compositions inspired by personal events, (“Forever Young”, “The T. Basement”, “The Jazz Bike”) that have led De Rosa to dig into his inner world in order to convey a broad array of emotions through his musical understanding.

Other compositions, like “4 Days”, “O.M. The Old One”, “The Promise”, constitute a true research of new sonorities, evolving from the sound and the mood created by the group in the past years.

Pianist Xavi Torres, bassist Mauro Cottone, and drummer Augustas Baronas participate to this musical journey. Everyone adds his own sensitiveness to De Rosa’s musical landscapes.

If “Groovin’ Up!” was a fresh and energetic statement, in “Forces” De Rosa has a deeper, more thoughtful, always joyful approach to his musical journey, and relies on a broader spectrum of experiences, emotions, and hopes for the future.



Ph. Roberto Cifarelli
Artwork. Riccardo Maria Esposito



Claudio Jr De Rosa - Short Bio

“A passionate saxophonist from whom we can expect a lot of interesting things. Claudio Jr De Rosa is undoubtedly a great promise for the future of the European Jazz scene” - Cyriel Pluimakers, Jazzenzo

Claudio Jr De Rosa (1992) is one of the new voices of the European Jazz scene. Listed in the Italian top10 of emerging jazz artist 2017, he is a saxophonist, bass clarinetist, arranger and composer, winner of several international jazz awards. Based in the Netherlands, he runs a busy tour schedule leading different musical projects. De Rosa performed, as a leader, in Italy, Spain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands, Georgia, Poland, Taiwan, Canada, in Festivals and venues like North Sea Jazz, Umbria Jazz, Getxo International Jazz, Taichung Jazz, Venice Jazz and many others.

As an arranger and composer, he collaborated with the Jazz Orchestra of the Concertgebouw, NSO Orchestra, (the Netherlands) S. Louis Big Band, NJT Big Band, (Italy) and many others.

In 2017, he is among the winners of the AIR project led by MIDJ, (Italian Jazz Musicians Association) which selected the top 20 jazz artists under 30 for artist residencies in different Italian Institute of Cultures around the world.



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Claudio Jr De Rosa Jazz 4et

After leading several bands and touring extensively across Europe, Claudio Jr De Rosa created his jazz 4et in 2016, featuring talented musicians from all over Europe. Completed by the Spanish pianist Xavi Torres Vicente, the Sicilian bassist Mauro Cottone, and the Lithuanian drummer Augustas Baronas, the band released in 2017 “*Groovin' Up!*”, a fresh and energetic CD published by the Italian label “*Incipient Records*”.



This record, listed in the top10 CDs from an Italian emerging artist by Musica Jazz, allowed the CJDR 4et to perform extensively across Europe. Major highlights included shows in festivals such as, to name a few, North Sea Jazz Festival, Umbria Jazz (resident band, Summer and Winter edition), Umbria Jazz Spring, Veneto Jazz Festival, Getxo International Jazz Festival, Bermeo Jazz Festival, Lemon Jazz Festival, Castoreale-Milazzo Jazz Festival, Otis Park Jazz Festival.

“Forces”, the second chapter of the CJDR Jazz 4et will be released in April 2019 and will be celebrated with an European tour starting from May 2019.

Press Quotes

“De Rosa has a particularly lovely - and typically light, sunny Italian - tone on soprano sax. His songs are strongly structured with some catchy hooks and pretty melodies”
Peter Bacon, journalist (LondonJazz News)

“De Rosa has a full and warm sound, perfectly rooted in the tradition of artist like John Coltrane, Sonny Rollins and John Griffin” **Tom Beetz, journalist (Jazzflits)**

“I admire not only, in these young musicians, the personal skills, their passion and curiosity they have and they express in Music, with great honesty and perseverance, qualities that I see less and less nowadays. Furthermore, I felt a great respect for tradition; In my opinion, that's the best starting point to grow up more and more”
Javier Giroto, saxophone player

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