

# The Collective Abroad

## - International Jazz Collective -

The Collective Abroad is an international jazz collective with members from seven European countries.

The band is going on an international tour with concerts in Finland, Estonia, Sweden, Denmark,

Germany and Czech Republic, presenting their third to be released album in autumn 2024.

The Collective Abroad is one of only a few ensembles funded by the prestigious Danish Arts Foundation.

Since 2019, The Collective Abroad released 2 albums and played 9 international tours with concerts at festivals such as **Elbjazz** (Hamburg, DE), **Classical Beat** (DE), **Swingin' Groningen** (NL), **JazzKaar** (EE), **Supernova Jazz Blast** (DK), **Aarhus Jazzfest** (DK), **Vinterjazz** (DK) and venues such as **B-flat** (DE), **JazzHall Hamburg** (DE), **Philly Joe's** (EE), **JazzDock** (CZ) and **Dexter** (DK).

*"It was really a moment watching you all!"*

*"Thank you for painting beautiful pictures with your music."*

*"I can't wait to catch your next tour somewhere here in Denmark."*

**The Collective Abroad** plays contemporary improvised music originating from band members' music scenes: **Stockholm** (SE), **Copenhagen** (DK), **Aalborg** (DK), **Berlin** (DE), **Hamburg** (DE) and **Vilnius** (LT). The music combines the groove of modern jazz with the intimate atmosphere of Nordic jazz and explosive energy from a top horn section.

*"...Playing brilliant concerts, filled with eclectic craftsmanship, unity across the European borders, and great tunes - new music of their own writing and old music from their native countries."*

*- Michael Marino (Huset i Hasserisgade, Aalborg)*

Jonas Due (DK) – trumpet  
Felicia Roos (SE) – alto saxophone  
Maxim Frischmann (DE/CH) – tenor saxophone  
Niklas Werk (DE) – guitar  
Agnė Pasaravičienė (LT) – piano  
Jan Sedlák (DK/CZ) – double bass  
Dominic Harrison (DE/GB) – drums

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# - BIO -

*“To me, there is great power in gathering artists across borders. This project highlights two central elements of jazz - freedom and dialogue. Through music, we can communicate regardless of language barriers, and jazz allows all individuals to express themselves freely and openly. This dialogue and freedom are also central to our efforts with The Collective Abroad” - Jan Sedlák, The Collective Abroad*

**The Collective Abroad** emerged out of **The European Jazz Laboratory** - an international project of seven European music academies. In May 2019, a handful of talented students met in Hamburg (DE) to prepare for a concert at the Elbjazz Festival. In one week, they rehearsed and successfully performed their original repertoire at one of the biggest jazz festivals in Germany. What started as an annually recurring project, turned into a permanent collaboration, when members of The Collective Abroad decided to continue playing together despite the distances and borders between them.

**Cooperation across long distances** gives The Collective Abroad many opportunities, but means many challenges at the same. To be able to meet and play together, The Collective Abroad tours extensively across Europe. Despite all challenges and pandemics, the band performed 9 international tours between 2019 and 2023. Life on the road inspires The Collective Abroad to write new music, develop new musical concepts and produce new music all the time.

## Highlights “year by year”

### 2023

- Concerts at B-flat (Berlin/DE) and JazzDock (Prag/CZ)
- European tour #9 (Finland, Estonia, Denmark, Germany, Czech: September-December '23)
- European tour #8 (Germany: January '23)

### 2022

- European tour #7 (Germany, Denmark, Sweden, Estonia: October-November '22)
- Elbjazz Festival: concert & [live stream](#)
- Release of 2nd album “CYCLE”
- European tour #6 (Denmark, Germany, Netherlands: February '22)

### 2021

- Classical Beat Festival (DE)
- Jazzkaar Festival (EST)
- Aarhus Jazz Festival (DK),
- Supernova Jazz Blast Festival (DK)
- Hamburg Jazz Hall (DE)
- European tour #3, #4 and #5

### 2020

- Vinterjazz Festival (Huset i Hasserisgade, DK)
- [Hamburg Stream \(DE\)](#)
- LIVE at HUSET live album release and summer tour
- [RESONANCE](#): An audio-visual performance-series in collaboration with visual artists.
- European tour #2

### 2019

- Elbjazz Festival (Hamburg, DE)
- Swingin' Groningen Festival (NL)
- Aarhus Jazz Festival (DK)
- European tour #1