

Tevet Sela

"Tevet Sela follows a sense of 'let it go'. When this magical moment happens, his saxophone will shrill, snarl and weep every note to collide into a turning mass of sounds. Tevet Sela injects a high skill onto this release with creativity, spontaneity and passion, offering a very original music which is certainly worth the time." Dr. Ana Isabel Ordonez, JazzReview.com

"Tevet Sela Quartet presents an intelligent and skillful mix of classical harmonies with a Klezmer influence and North-African rhythms...An intriguing concert for all who love innovative and exciting jazz" Time Out

"A recording which should have jazz fans around the country taking notice...An undeniably adventurous feeling underpins this album and gives it the kind of glow emanating from late 50s jazz releases as Sela's fine compositions unfold" Rod Nicholson, London Scene Magazine

"Montreal saxophonist Tevet Sela plays like hell on his CD Lying Sun..He's versatile, and has a nice warm tone". Chris Smith - Winnipeg Free Press

"A beautiful alto sound to be savored slowly, with a precision that sides the quality of his compositions" Christophe Rodriguez, SortiesJazzNights.com

Tevet Sela is a Montreal based saxophonist and composer. Over the last years, Tevet has been leading his own quartet, which exclusively performs his music. In his repertoire, Tevet weaves Jazz together with elements of Klezmer, African and Middle Eastern music.

Tevet started playing classical piano at the age of 7. When he was 12 he began playing the saxophone and his interest in Jazz started to grow. At the age of 16 he started to compose his own music and began his professional musical career. Tevet soon became a much sought after session player, playing at the house bands of the most popular Israeli television shows as well as contributing solos for soundtracks and artists releases both in Israel and abroad. Among other albums Tevet played on the multi platinum 'Idan Raichel Project' album.

Tevet, who is also a graduate of the prestigious Thelma Yellin School of Arts, has toured in France and the Netherlands as it's big band featured soloist. In addition, Tevet holds a Diploma in music education, and has over the years won several scholarships of the America-Israel cultural fund.

Tevet has enjoyed the Israeli Foreign Ministry's endorsement on several projects such as representing Israel in an international UNICEF benefit concert. This concert was broadcasted from the Netherlands to 35 countries throughout the world and featured international artists such as: David Bowie, Des'ree, Youssou N'doure, Al Jarreau, and more..

In the year 2000 Tevet established his own band and started to record and perform his original compositions. In the spring of 2003 Tevet's debut album 'Tevet Sela' was released and followed by a tour in international jazz festivals and venues, both in Israel and abroad. Tevet's live concerts generate interest and enthusiasm by both European and Israeli audience. His music is frequently played by radio stations around the world including the BBC Radio, and leading Jazz stations in the USA. The debut album was nominated for the 'jazz album of the year' and the 'jazz composition of the year' awards at the JPF Music Awards 2006.

Tevet released his second cd entitled 'Coming True' in 2007. The album was recorded in a quartet setting and continues the adventurous spirit of Tevet's debut album but with a more jazz-funk flavor to it. It displays Tevet's evolving writing, arranging and producing abilities. Again this album had gained a lot of exposure and Tevet's quartet toured and performed in supporting of this album. In January 2010 Tevet has brought to life yet another refreshing musical project in his third release 'Jazz flute'. Soon after its release, the album became one of the best iTunes sellers in its category.

After moving to Montreal in winter 2010 Tevet got involved in the vibrant Canadian jazz scene. His first Canadian album - 'Lying Sun' was released on Effendi/Naxos records fall 2014 and gained raving reviews. Among airplay on radio stations worldwide the album soon became 1st on CIBL radio jazz chart for many weeks.

The album release was followed with touring of Tevet's quartet. Some highlight performances include 'Jazz en Rafale' festival, Festival de Jazz de Verano (Mexico) and Montreal Jazz Festival. Tevet was also nominated to the TD Grand Jazz award.