**Claus Waidtløw Quartet**

CW Quartet is lead by the Danish saxophonist Claus Waidtløw.

The members of the Quartet - Waidtløw (saxophone), Henrik Gunde (piano), Kaspar Vadsholt (bass) and Morten Lund (drums) - are among the finest and most acclaimed musicians in Denmark. Lund has received international attention as a member of the great Italian pianist Stefano Bollani’s trio. Gunde and Vadsholt are members of the Danish Radio Big Band. Waidtløw and the Quartet have recently been selected to participate in a Danish jazz campaign, in which two leading Danish jazz orchestras and two Danish world music groups are being promoted in Germany.

*From the Story Book* (Calibrated Records) from 2005, marked the debut of the Quartet. Last year´s *Flavours* (Gateway Music), has already received glowing reviews, including one that described Waidtløw as “one of the most proficient in the art of playing the saxophone in Denmark today” and added that Waidtløw “is in a league of his own.”

Both *From the Story Book* and *Flavours* present Waidtløw not only as a world-class saxophonist but also as a superb composer with advanced, contemporary sensibilities and a mastery of accessible melodic ideas. Said one reviewer, commenting on the eight tracks on *From the* *Story Book*, “Every single composition has a perfectly consistent and forward-moving story, which the listener will follow with great interest from the beginning to the end.” Although the music is always melodic and structured logically, Waidtløw has succeeded in mixing the complex with the simple. As a result, his music possesses profound substance but also a freshness and lightness that ensures that the expression of the artists’ concepts becomes neither too difficult nor unapproachable.

The musicians in Claus Waidtløw Quartet know each other from lots of different constellations. When you listen to the group, you can easily hear that they enjoy playing together.

**Claus Waidtløw – saxophones**

Prolific, adventurous and a true virtuoso and visionary, Claus Waidtløw has been one of the most highly respected jazz musicians in Denmark for nearly two decades. Originally an alto saxophonist, Waidtløw is primarily known today for his tenor work and audacious compositional sense. Internationally celebrated, Waidtløw has long been one of the leading trendsetters in European jazz.

Besides leading his own groups, Waidtløw has also contributed as a prolific sideman to more than 50 recordings, and has worked with such great artists as Toots Thielemanns, Eliane Elias, Kurt Elling, John Scofield, Eddie Gomez, Steve Swallow, Carla Bley, Christian McBride, Bill Stewart, Mulgrew Miller, Jeff Ballard, Dave Kikoski, Sam Yahell, Bob Brookmeyer, Maria Schneider and Billy Hart. A member of Aarhus Jazz Orchestra since 2006.

**Henrik Gunde: Piano**

Member of The Danish Radio Big Band. One of the most acclaimed pianists in Denmark today - his broad and open approach to music makes him a most wanted sideman.

**Kaspar Vadsholt: Double bass**

Since 2004 member of The Danish Radio Big Band. Has played/recorded with ao. James Moody, Caroline Henderson, New Jungle Orchestra, Jens Winther Group, The Orchestra and Bentzon Brotherhood.

**Morten Lund: Drums**

Internationally known as a member of the Italian pianist Stefano Bollani´s Trio. One of the busyist drummers in Denmark. He has played/recorded with ao. Tom Harrel, Johnny Griffin, Christian McBride, John Abercrombie, James Moody, Benny Golson, Kenny Werner, Jerry Bergonzi and Bob Mintzer. Recieved the Ben Webster Price 2006.