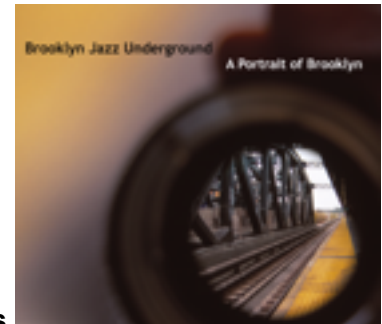




The Brooklyn Jazz Underground Ensemble is currently booking European dates for fall of 2014. Supporting their releases '*A Portrait of Brooklyn*' (2012) and their *upcoming, yet un-named, new release* (2014).

"Marvellous writing, remarkable chemistry, rewarding listening." - **JazzTimes**



The Brooklyn Jazz Underground (www.Brooklynjazz.org), was featured in the March 2012 issue of *DownBeat Magazine*, as an artist run association that is in constant motion and evolution. The Brooklyn Jazz Underground has set a solid footprint on the jazz scene in New York City and in many other jazz communities worldwide since they formed in 2005. Being a vehicle for it's high level jazz musicians and bandleaders to gain wider recognition for their groups, they promote the music through festivals, concert series, radio shows, CD samplers, etc; and now also as an international touring ensemble. The reviews speak for themselves, see further quotes below.

June 2012, five of it's members released the first **Brooklyn Jazz Underground Ensemble recording, *A Portrait of Brooklyn***, initiated by a grant from the Brooklyn Arts Council, and released by their sister company, the record label **Brooklyn Jazz Underground Records** (www.bjurecords.com).

Scheduled for 2014, the current seven members, come out as a new version of the BJU Ensemble, with an exciting album of seven long and seven short tunes. Each composer contributing a long and a short tune.

A Portrait of Brooklyn features: **David Smith** (trumpet), **Adam Kolker** (tenor sax, alto sax, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute), **Dan Pratt** (tenor sax, clarinet, flute), **Anne Mette Iversen** (bass), **Rob Garcia** (drums)

The New Album features: **David Smith** (trumpet), **Adam Kolker** (tenor sax, alto sax, clarinet, bass clarinet, flute), **David Cook** (piano), **Anne Mette Iversen** (bass), **Rob Garcia** (drums), **Owen Howard** (drums)

Following a VERY successful tour of Spain, December 2013, promoting the album '*A Portrait of Brooklyn*', both versions of the BJU Ensemble are now available for booking for the fall of 2014.

Listen: www.brooklynjazz.bandcamp.com / www.brooklynjazz.org

Contact: BJURecords booking agents: **Jonathan Lindhorst & Mia Rogelsek**, email: booking@bjurecords.com or phone: +49 1578 7500 990

Quotes:

“ ‘A Portrait of Brooklyn’ is an excellent collection of first-rate original compositions and terrific playing.” - In A Blue Moon

‘Best International Jazz Album, 2012’ - Swiss daily: Nordwestschweiz

“The ensemble’s tightly-knit sense of its own intuitive communication is prominent...” - Downbeat, Editor’s Pick

“These days integrity counts for a lot. That’s what keeps jazz relevant in a fragmented music industry. . . . The Brooklyn Jazz Underground understand that it takes more than talent.” – NPR.org/music

“ . . . the spirit of the organization is firmly rooted in Brooklyn. All of the members reside there, and they wanted to give a nod to the vitality of its scene.” – The Wall Street Journal

Further information available upon request.