

UNIVERSAL MUSIC Heiri Känzig – Travelin'



Raphäelle Brochet voice Matthieu Michel flgh Amine Mraihi oud Lionel Friedli dr Marc Méan p Heiri Känzig b

Jazz is too narrow a term for the musical spectrum that the well-travelled Känzig and his bands repeatedly explore. The interest in exchanging ideas across genres and supposed boundaries also defines the character of Heiri Känzig's new band Travelin'. The influences that Heiri Känzig has absorbed through his numerous encounters with musical cultures all over the world flow together here. We hear the shimmering runs of the oud player Amine Mraihi. The lyrical sophistication of pianist Marc Méan. The floating melismas of singer Raphäelle Brochet. The enchanting radiance of trumpeter Matthieu Michel. The melodically pulsating double bass of Heiri Känzig. The drive of drummer Lionel Friedli. It's not about setting a new record for complexity or innovation. More than anything else, what we hear in this sextet is the desire to play music that goes to the heart of things.