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Simon Ho – Bruxelles

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With his most recent project „Bruxelles“, Simon Ho leads us to new levels of narration and sound. Inevitably, we have asked ourselves how much poetry and interpretation music can convey. On „Bruxelles“ we will discover that it is far more than we expected.

Simon Ho has a long history of working with sounds and compositions in various formats. His sound images provide lasting experiences. The exquisite instrumentalisation and arrangements are never without content but equally so not overladen with significance. On “Bruxelles” Simon Ho introduces a surprising new element. Sounds of everyday life that he has recorded –“field recordings”- are woven into his compositions like musical threads. This adds an exciting and wider range to his storytelling.

All the words on „Bruxelles“ were written by the artist Christian Denzler who has collaborated with Simon on numerous projects. They are sung by Michael Fehr, a slam poet, author and curator for literature. His stunning voice leaves us deeply moved. Fehr’s unconventional interpretation of Blues, Christian Denzler’s lyrics and Simon Ho’s music combine perfectly. Three artists with the same intensity and spirit are joined together in one project.

“Bruxelles” takes us by the hand and leads us through the city. Those who know Brussels will recognize its magical atmosphere, its colors, smells and motion. It is difficult not to fall in love with this city yet Simon Ho’s music takes us further - Brussels is just one layer of the musical construction. The listener sets out on a fantastic journey taking him through „his“ own musical paths of Brussels.

„Bruxelles“ was produced over a period of two years by Ken Stringfellow and Simon Ho. Andi Hug (drums), André Pousaz (double bass), Oli Hartung (guitar) and Ken Stringfellow (guitar) have long been an important part of Simon Ho’s musical career and have once again added their talents to the successful making of „Bruxelles“.

