

# The drums are back!

This is a weird sentence coming from a drummer. Never the less this describes how Steve Gadd feels when he plays with Michael Blicher and Dan Hemmer in the band Blicher Hemmer Gadd. *"This is honest Music. No one plays like this anymore."* Steve Gadd says. For the last 50 years he has played with Paul Simon, Steely Dan, Chick Corea, Eric Clapton, James Taylor, Paul McCartney, Chet Baker and the list goes on.

## The sound of Blicher Hemmer Gadd

Together with the award winning saxophonist, Michael Blicher (known from the successful nordic afro-beat band The Kutimangoes) and hammond organ wizard, Dan Hemmer, Steve Gadd rediscovers the sound and feel of the drums playing almost acoustically. The sounds are coming directly from the drumskin, the bamboo saxophone reed and the turning tone wheels of the 50 year old Hammond organ and with the presence and communication of these three musicians, their instruments and an audience, music comes alive in a whole new way, which excites even a world legend drummer at age 73.

This way of playing reminds Gadd of the times back home in Rochester when he sat in with Dizzy Gillespie and other touring jazz bands. It's simple and yet very remarkable that a successful drummer as Steve Gadd still can find new ways to unfold music and discover such heartiness.

**"Flawless craft and mesmerizing artistry in perfect dialogue"** - Sydney Morning Herald

Saxophonist Michael Blicher composes most of the music for the band. He often finds his inspiration by traveling and through journeys to New Orleans, Nashville, Bulgaria, Asia and to West Africa, he has found a form of "universal musical energy" that affects something essentially in most human beings. *"As a distinctly lyrical writer and saxophonist, you could say Blicher brings out the soul of the band."* (AllAboutJazz.com). The music of Blicher Hemmer Gadd is loaded with energy, passion and creativity and is performed with dazzling interplay with lots of room for improvisations and for each musician to unfold their unique playing and they have reach the hearts and ears of so many fans around the globe.

## First Saxophone player in "Modern Drummer".

The news of this amazing successful trio collaboration has also reached the United States. The legendary magazine, Modern Drummer recently contacted Michael Blicher for an interview. They wanted an interview on his approach to composing and playing music and to hear about his experiences with collaborating with the world's greatest drummer. Blicher was happy to share his compositional thoughts and experiences and he was pleased to be the first saxophonist ever to be credited in the magazine.

## Blicher Hemmer Gadd on tour

Blicher Hemmer Gadd northern Europe in feb/march 2019 and they are planning to record a new album while doing that.

14.02 Sønderborghus, Denmark - 15.02 Bygningen, Køge, Denmark - 16.02 CVJM, Lübeck, Germany - 17.02 Århus Musikhus, Denmark - 18.02 Jazz6000, Kolding, Denmark - 19.02 Mantzius, Birkerød, Denmark - 20.02 Klaverfabrikken, Hillerød, Denmark - 21.02 Clinic, Cph, Denmark. - 22.02 Koko Jazzclub, Helsinki, Finland - 23.02 Carelia-Sali, Joensuu, Finland 25.02 - Dokkhuset, Trondheim, Norway 26.02 Ullensaker Kulturhus, Norway - 27.02 Bølgen, Larvik, Norway - 02.03 Tobakken, Esbjerg, Denmark.

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