

INTO THE BLUE

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REVIEWS

"Into the Blue" is an album that celebrates spontaneity and a connection between cultures. It's an album born of the joy of four friends making music together and finding common ground in real time.

'Into the Blue' marks the debut album from the Snyder x Dudar Quartet - a vivacious new full-length that thrives from the concept of improvisation and a diverse international pairing that births riveting results.

Comprised of the highly decorated and highly educated foursome that includes US double-bassist Russell Snyder, Polish saxophonist Slawek Dudar, German pianist Michael Flüegel and Polish drummer Pawel Czubatka, the album's international flair finds an exquisite balance between the sensibilities of each artist.

There's also the additional narrative of these four artists, mostly from varying backgrounds, improvising in a way that finds them reaching common and joyous ground as a collective."

Blue-in-Green Radio LONDON

<http://www.blueingreenradio.com/2025/09/into-blue-by-snyder-x-dudar-quartet.html>

"This new album from Snyder and Dudar is far from being another "background jazz" release. Instead, it is a bold and surprising step into the freedom of improvisation, showing a different side of the Polish saxophonist than in his earlier projects. Not long ago, we heard him in a trio, elegantly interpreting Ellington's classics – the kind of music you might savor with a glass of wine, admiring its refinement and poise.

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PolishJazz - Paweł Zięba

<https://polish-jazz.blogspot.com/2025/10/snyder-x-dudar-quartet-into-blue.html>

“The music of the Snyder x Dudar Quartet draws on the great traditions of jazz without simply copying them. Rather, it presents an independent, modern perspective that points in the direction of Third Stream and is characterized by a delicate balance between composition and improvisation.

The pieces thrive on their multi-layered structures: freely unfolding improvisations meet formally precise passages. This combination demands much more than pure virtuosity from the musicians—it requires sensitivity, maturity, and a deep understanding of musical dramaturgy.

Russell Snyder and Sławek Dudar, together with their partners, impressively prove that they are not only brilliant instrumentalists, but also great storytellers. Their “Into The Blue” is an album full of energy, emotion, and depth—a clear recommendation for anyone who loves uncompromising jazz.”

www.jazz-fun.de - Jacek Brun

<https://www.jazz-fun.de/snyder-x-dudar-quartet-into-the-blue.html>

“Into The Blue” – the new album by the Snyder x Dudar Quartet – emerges as a compelling showcase of jazz that resists simple solutions. Rooted in the sound of jazz tradition, it nevertheless ventures – through the compositions of bassist Russell Snyder – into modern textures, always framed within the discipline of conventional yet thoughtful jazz.

The session explores these compositions by expressing them through fascinating harmonic sequences, rhythmic anticipations, and evocative melodic lines.

This is the debut album of the Snyder x Dudar Quartet – deeply rooted in tradition, yet humbly revealing the composer’s talent as well as the eloquence, creativity, and distinctive style of the saxophonist.

www.jazz.pl - Dionizy Piatkowski

<https://jazz.pl/dudar-x-snyder-quartet-into-the-blue-sxd-music/>

The album Into the Blue is a beautiful homage by the Snyder x Dudar Quartet to the jazz tradition — filled with captivating musical phrases, yet without repeating patterns that could give their music an archaic tone. One can sense not only the professionalism but also the creativity of the artists, who have crafted a space for free expression through refined artistic thought — far from the avant-garde, yet focused on distinct instrumental structures that offer only the finest sensations. All of this is delivered with an ease and elegance that together create the impression of something truly significant.

Polish CD-Polish Music - Łukasz Dębowski

<https://polskaplyta-polskamuzyka.pl/2025/10/04/snyder-x-dudar-quartet-into-the-blue-recenzja/>