



MATHIAS HEISE QUADRILLION

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"A feast for fusion fanatics!" – MOJO Magazine

World champion chromatic harmonica player **Mathias Heise** brings his **Quadrillion** project back for a third installment of electrifying jazz fusion this summer, with their eponymous release on **Giant Sheep Music** (*June 3rd*).

Following the success of their 2017 album 'Decadence' with **Grammy winning** George Duke producer Erik Zobler, the record showcases eight original Heise compositions which have been reworked and refined during a busy touring schedule on Denmark's vibrant jazz scene.

Quadrillion's original blend of **funk**, **rock** and **jazz** is delivered with electrifying guitar solos, squelching synthesizers, and hard-hitting beats to create an immersive experience of grooves.

Whilst Heise's technical wizardry and jazz credentials on harmonica are a constant stand-out, his choice of band mates keeps the bar consistently high: Powerful metric trickery is provided by drummer **Aksel Stadel Borum**, alongside the relentlessly funky bass playing of **David Vang** and the lush harmonic soundscapes of guitarist **Mads Christiansen**.

Packed with **adventurous harmony** and **chromatically dense** melodies, the juxtaposition between unapologetic, in-your-face rock grooves, a crooked 13/8 workout and a strikingly beautiful **cinematic ballad** showcases the breadth of the ensemble's capabilities.

In a final unexpected twist, the album ends with the **euphoric climax** 'Hopeful Monsters', which sees the quartet grow to a **nine-piece** ensemble featuring some of Denmark's leading young horn players with intricate, syncopated **big band-esque** arrangements; a fitting end to an **inventive**, cohesive feat of modern **musical innovation**.

All this proving, as previously noted by All About Jazz, that *"jazz-fusion can be accessible and ambitious at the same time."*

Mathias Heise (keyboards, chromatic harmonica)

Mads Christiansen (guitar)

David Vang (bass guitar)

Aksel Stadel Borum (drums)

+ *special guests:*

Anders Malta (trumpet), Jonas Due (trumpet/flugelhorn), Oilly Wallace (alto sax), Frederick Menzies (tenor sax) and Yohan Ramon (percussion)

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TRACK LISTING

1. Blue City (6:38)
2. Bad Luck (4:43)
3. Soft Mind (7:14)
4. A Call From Quad (6:21)
5. Carsten Kalder (7:50)
6. The Beast (5:39)
7. Bisse Funk (6:39)
8. Hopeful Monsters (11:11)

BACKGROUND INFO

Besides being a virtuoso on the chromatic harmonica, 28-year-old **Mathias Heise** is a highly skilled composer. Back in 2012, he founded his fusion band Mathias Heise Quadrillion with equally talented peers: **Mads Christiansen** (guitar), **David Vang** (bass), **Aksel Stadel Borum** (drums) + Mathias himself on chromatic harmonica and keyboards.

A select few musicians with harmonica as their primary instrument hold a place in the jazz hall of fame, but at the age of only 20, Mathias Heise was crowned 2013 Chromatic Harmonica **World Champion**. In 2015, he was awarded '**New Jazz Star of The Year**' in Denmark, and Quadrillion's debut album 'Sudden Ascent' was nominated for the Danish Music Awards in the category 'Best New Jazz Act'. In 2016, Mathias received the Danish Crown Prince Couple's '**Stardust Award**' – an annual award that is given to honor and highlight young Danish talents. In 2017, he was awarded with the '**Ben Webster Prize**', as the youngest ever.

QUOTES ('Decadence' album - 2017)

"Canny investors looking for a hot tip on the jazz stock market should consider purchasing shares in Mathias Heise Quadrillion."

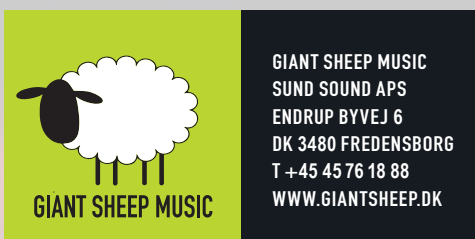
"Heise & Co. demonstrated with their whip-crack group playing and high energy mix of funk, fusion, rock and jazz - that they can reach a broad base of jazz consumers. Fresh-faced and with boundless energy, and appealing to the young crossover crowd as well as hardcore jazz-fusion fans, Mathias Heise Quadrillion have the feel of a group destined for bigger stages across Europe in coming years."

– **Rob Mallows, London Jazz News**

(review of 'Decadence' album + album release show at Spice of Life, London)

"Shades of Weather Report and Herbie Hancock circa Sunlight can be detected in their funkified polyglot grooves though they boast a sound and style all their own."

– **Charles Waring, Record Collector**



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