



Kali Trio

Video

*The Playful
Abstract –*
live at
Bell Areal

Audio

Soundcloud
Spotify

Info

Instagram
kalitrio.com

Line Up:

Raphael Loher – piano, electronics

Urs Müller – guitar, effects

Nicolas Stocker – drums, electronics

Bio

KALI Trio aren't interested in genre. Nicolas Stocker (drums, electronics), Urs Müller (guitar) and Raphael Loher (piano, electronics) work in a world of contemporary music where ideas around minimal, ambient, jazz and electronic music are regarded as just variations of a common language. Whether working with composed or improvised material, the three musicians follow their intuition and draw on their deep and anti-ideological understanding of music history.

KALI Trio is a working band; one that works towards being a true musical and social organism. Their aim is to create a "sound cosmos", where the sound of the whole overrides any individual musicianship. The musicians met in Lucerne. Initially, Raphael and Nicolas started as a duo. In 2015 Urs joined, to make the trio we know today.

Their third album, *The Playful Abstract* will celebrate their tenth anniversary as a band. Their second album, *LOOM*, was released in 2021 on Nik Bärtsch's label Ronin Rhythm Records. *LOOM* won the album of the year from Radio 3FACH. KALI Trio won the ZKB Jazz Audience Award in 2017 and were awarded by the canton of Lucerne in 2018 and 2022 for their musical work. KALI Trio have performed at festivals like Jazz Festival Willisau, Cully Jazz, InJazz Rotterdam, Match & Fuse Festival, Suisse Diagonales Jazz, Schaffhauser Jazz Festival and Montreux Jazz Festival.

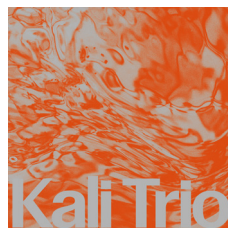
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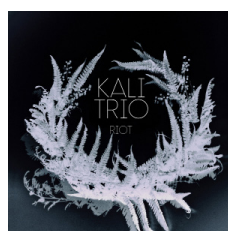
The Playful Abstract 2025

Released on
Ronin Rhythm Records



LOOM 2021

Released on
Ronin Rhythm Records



Riot 2018

Released on
Ronin Rhythm Records

Press

Essential Releases – ... As KALI Trio enter their tenth year, their transcendental vision evidently has plenty of room to expand. Sounds like they're blasting off again ...

Bandcamp Daily

... Drums, guitar and piano lose definition in miasmic, egoless music as rhythm, texture and atmosphere evolve through electronic circuits. ...

Jazzwise

... KALI Trio, like Dawn of Midi, reimagine what an improvisational trio can be, blurring the lines between jazz and electronic rather than fitting neatly into either category. ...

*All about Jazz *****

... The fact that such a sophisticated sound also works live was impressively demonstrated at the album launch at Zurich's Moods. ...

*Jazz'n'More ******

... This collaborative work is a pleasure to listen to, with its ever-changing and delicate sonic processes ...

Jazz Japan

*Interview with Nicolas Stocker about KALI Trio:
15 Questions*

[Full list of reviews click here](#)

Upcoming Shows

21.05.25	Live in Vevey	Vevey CH
22.05.25	Live in Vevey	Vevey CH
23.05.25	Live in Vevey	Vevey CH
24.05.25	Live in Vevey	Vevey CH
29.08.25	Jazzfestival Willisau	Willisau CH
8.12.25	Isebähnli	Baden CH
08.05.26	L'Échandole	Yverdon CH
	More tba.	

Airplay

Selection 2025

BBC6	New Music Fix
BBC3	Unclassified
BBC 3	Night Tracks
Twisted Soul	New Music Monday
Totally Radio	On the Wire
A Closer Listen	Upcoming Releases
All About Jazz	Upcoming Releases
Stereogum	Albums Of Note

Past Shows

Selection, 2017–2025

06.02.25	Tour de Vagabonde	Fribourg CH
13.02.25	Moods	Zürich CH
14.02.25	Klavierwerkstatt	Liestal CH
15.02.25	Neubad	Luzern CH
03.03.25	Exil	Zürich CH
09.04.25	Roxy	Ulm DE
10.04.25	Chemnitz	Weltecho DE
11.04.25	Tonne	Dresden DE
14.01.24	Sousol	Luzern CH
02.12.22	TRAFO	Jena DE
01.12.22	Elbphilharmonie Kulturcafe	Hamburg DE
11.11.22	Ferne Asile	Sion CH
05.11.22	Südpol, 50 years OM	Luzern CH
01.10.22	Akzent Klubfestival	Winterthur CH
30.09.22	Live in Vevey	Vevey CH
29.09.22	Jazzclub Aarau	Aarau CH
11.04.22	Exil	Zürich CH
25.03.22	Tonne	Dresden DE
24.02.22	Cinema Sil Plaz	Ilanz CH
19.02.22	Jazz in Bess	Lugano CH
12.02.22	Jazzclub Villingen	Villingen DE
11.02.22	Kunstwerk	Ulm DE
10.02.22	Import/Export	München DE
13.01.22	CCS	Paris FR
12.12.21	Helsinki	Zürich CH
30.11.21	European Jazz Festival (Live Streaming)	Korea KOR
21.11.21	Bee-flat im Progr	Bern CH
06.07.21	Montreux Jazz Festival	Montreux CH
25.06.21	Moods	Zürich CH
27.05.21	Jazzfestival Schaffhausen	Schaffhausen CH
08.05.21	Nova Jazz	Yverdon CH
14.11.20	Jazz Linard	Lavin CH
28.06.19	InJazz	Rotterdam NL
30.09.17	Match & Fuse Festival	Zürich CH
02.09.17	Jazzfestival Willisau	Willisau CH
05.04.17	Cully Jazz Festival	Cully CH