Film

BLUES FOR MONTMARTRE

Christian Braad Thomsen, Denmark, 2011

83 min. | DK/Documentary | Portrait films











Montmartre in Copenhagen was in the 1960's one of the true jazz corners of the world. Many great American musicians played here for months, several stayed for years, and a few are buried in Copenhagen. They settled in Denmark on the run from American racism and the New York drug scene; here they enjoyed being admired for their artistic value instead of being degraded to mere entertainers. And of course the friendly Danish girls were a special attraction for many.

The film consists of archive material with Ben Webster, Stan Getz, Dexter Gordon, Dollar Brand, Lee Konitz, Bud Powell, Albert Ayler, Sonny Boy Williamson and George Lewis - and of course with the famous house-trio Kenny Drew-Niels Henning Ørsted Petersen-Alex Riel. This material is combined with memories from people today remembering Montmartre and telling revealing, funny and moving anecdotes about the musicians playing there. A few of the musicians are still alive, among them Lee Konitz and John Tchicai. The film also includes several of the Danish accompanists for whom it was invaluable to play with the greatest soloists in their early youth.

Basic information

Credits

Materials

Original title	Blues for Montmartre
Danish title	Blues for Montmartre
Keywords	Jazz, Jazz musicians, Jazzhouse Montmartre, 1960-1969
Director	Christian Braad Thomsen
Screenplay	Christian Braad Thomsen
Producer	Christian Braad Thomsen
Director of Photography	Steen Møller Rasmussen, Manuel Alberto Claro, Bente Petersen, Jane Vorre
Editor	Grete Møldrup
Sound	Jan Juhler
Composer	Stan Getz, Dexter Gordon, Sonny Boy Williamson, Ben Webster, Dollar Brand, Stuff Smith, Don Cherry, Niels-Henning Ørsted Pedersen, Alex Riel, Kenny Drew
Appearance	Henrik Wolsgaard-Iversen, Anders Dyrup, Herluf Kamp Larsen, Alex Riel
Production country	Denmark
Domestic distribution	Kollektiv Film
Danish theatrical release	05.10.2011
Cinemas	Cinemateket
DFI subsidy	Konsulentstøtte
Danish rating	Allowed for all

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