



# TOMS RUDZINSKIS

# ABYSS

ON TOUR NOVEMBER 2019

New project by Berlin-based  
award-winning Jazz saxophonist  
and composer **Toms Rudzinskis**  
– one of Baltics' leading  
Jazz musicians

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# ABOUT PROJECT ABYSS

Heavily rhythmic and melodic, bending the jazz, classical and rock influences of all band members, **ABYSS plays a fusion of avant-garde and jazz exploring the possibilities of electronics.**

The quintet paints their musical journey with expressive strokes, **powerful improvisation and intense yet intricate live sound.** Rudzinskis' original music, inspired by mythologists Campbell's "hero with thousand faces", tells **a story of contemporary person's search for answers** through the abyss of the unknown towards the discovery of understanding and meaning.

Having stirred up the Berlin underground music scene, the project brings together **some of the most exciting and fresh faces from jazz in Europe.** Melodic, emotive and musically compelling, ABYSS is an act to keep an eye on.

ABYSS debut recording is due to be released in 2020.

**CURRENTLY BOOKING AUTUMN TOUR**  
SEPTEMBER 12, NOVEMBER 11, 17-24



## LINEUP

**Toms Rudzinskis** (Latvia) – saxophone, compositions

**Igor Osypov** (Ukraine) – electric guitar

**Povel Widestrand** (Sweden) – keyboards

**Tom Berkmann** (Germany) – electric bass

**Fabian Rösch** (Germany) – drums



## *ABOUT* **TOMS RUDZINSKIS**

**Toms Rudzinskis is one of Baltics' leading jazz saxophone players and composers** with an innovative and unique sound in his performance and compositions. Leading his own bands or performing as a well-respected soloist and sideman, he currently resides in Berlin and travels across Europe to perform, collaborate and educate.

**Masters graduate** of prestigious Conservatorium van Amsterdam, numerous **jazz and classical music awards winner**, Toms has won the **"Keep an Eye"** Jazz award with the quartet **"North by Northeast"**, Best Soloist at the international big band competition **"Meer Jazz"**, selected as the **Jazz ambassador** of the internationally recognised venue Bimhuis. Won the Grand Prix in the prestigious **"Burghausen Jazz competition"** with **"Matiss Cudars quartet"** in 2012, which led to an opportunity to share the stage with internationally renowned Cassandra Wilson. Won the **"Dutch Jazz Competition" Grand Prix** with **"Loran Witteveen quintet"** which led to a tour in 2016 covering the biggest venues in The Netherlands.

In 2014 Toms released debut album **"ABRA"** and received **two Latvian Grammy Award "Zelta Mikrofons" nominations** – **"Best Jazz album"** and **"Best Debut"** gaining a wider recognition and following in his homeland. Another **"Best Jazz album"** followed with the next album in 2017 – **the first vinyl recording "Locomotion!" in independent Latvia**, a fully analogue recording with the award-winning Austrian trumpet player Gerhard Ornig.



# ***LIVE AUDIO & VIDEO PERFORMANCES***

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## ***LIVE VIDEO REEL***

Side Ways Series sessions, Berlin



## ***LIVE VIDEO “DAY 16”***

Funkhaus dBs Music, Berlin



## ***LIVE AUDIO***

**private 4 track playlist**

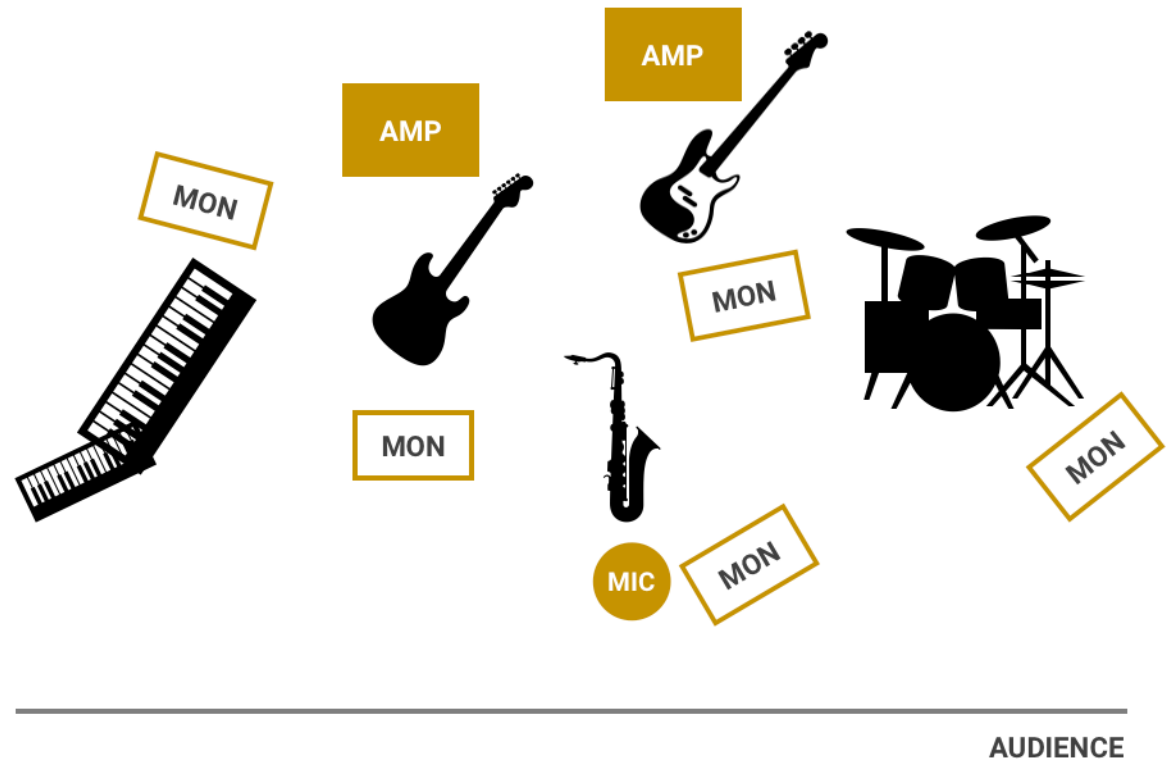
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# ***TECH RIDER***

## **ABYSS**

- **1 microphone for saxophone**  
condenser largediaphragm
- **2 keyboard stands**  
or 1 keyboard stand with extension
- **2 monoDI-boxes for keyboard**
- **1 electric guitar amplifier**
- **1 electric bass guitar amplifier**  
with 12 or 15 inch speakers
- **1 drum set (mic'd on larger stages)**  
jazz standard, right handed setup
- **5 monitors**
- **4 music stands**





# CONTACTS

## BOOKING

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