

Daniel Örtegren Desai

Memento Vivere

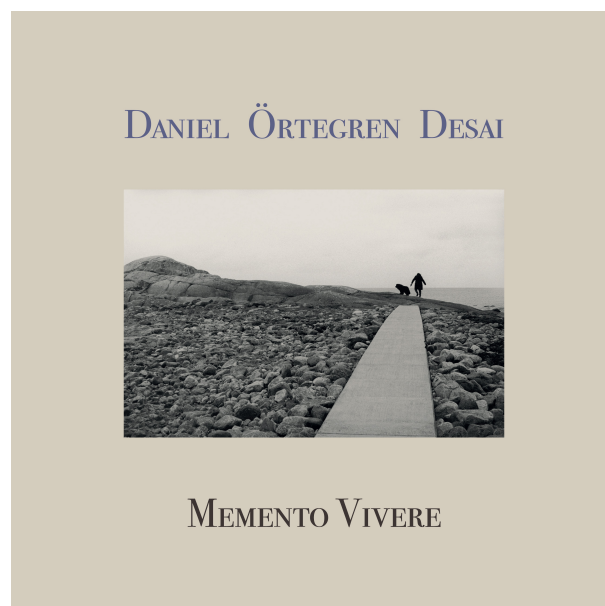
The saxophonist Daniel Örtegren Desai has been all-rounding for many years now. Since he moved to Malmö, seven years ago, he has made himself known to the public ear mainly as a steady member of greatly differing projects such as Windows & Stones, Vänner till Vem, Aniara, Stars in Coma and Hampus Carlsson. He has also collaborated with Mt. Weibull, Sister Fay, Kluster and fram, to mention a few.

With "Memento Vivere" Örtegren Desai makes a grand debut as a leader. Here he brings a band that crosses borders and brings not only a impressive jazz quintet, but also a just as impressive string quartet.

The music is a suite in five parts, and its title roughly translates to "remember that you shall live". Now, when the music is released on Havtorn Records – three years after its first performance – the life is closer to the composer than ever before.

In part, the production is the result of a recurring soul-searching: How does one live in gratitude, in thought and practice? How does one accept sorrow and fear as necessary parts of everyday life? How does one balance between self-justification and self-immolation? How does one muster enough courage to take the leap out and live the life one truly longs for? Because of its wordlessness, the music doesn't give any answers to these questions, but since Örtegren Desai hasn't really found any good answers it doesn't really matter.

More than anything, he hopes to give a part of himself and the things in music that mean the most to him: A door into the world of thoughts that can only open up to you when the music resonates with the heart in a certain way, a tonal tale that engages listeners even outside the guild of musicians, melodies that stay with the listener even after the music has faded out. But he also searches for the "kind" music – that which has the potential of inspiring, comforting and following the listener through life.



Credits:

Daniel Örtegren Desai: Tenor saxophone and composition

Johan Davidsson: Electric guitar

Martin Jutéus: Piano

James Whife: Double bass

Kristoffer Rostedt: Drums

Fritiof Palm: Violin

Fanny Källström: Violin

Olivia Ottervald: Viola

Jennie-Anne Jullander: Cello

Produced by Jens Persson

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