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Walt Weiskopf European Quartet announces 2020 international winter tour

New York, NY. – American saxophonist, composer, and author Walt Weiskopf teams up for a fourth year with three of Europe's finest and most sought-after jazz musicians, hitting the international jazz circuit throughout Europe and Scandinavia as the Walt Weiskopf European Quartet (WWEQ).

Commencing in Lyon, France and concluding in Oslo, Norway, their three-week tour will also hit Switzerland, Lithuania, Poland, Germany, Denmark, and Sweden through January and February 2020.

Along with Weiskopf, WWEQ musicians pianist Carl Winther, bassist Andreas Lang, and drummer Anders Mogensen continue to make impressive marks, attracting world-wide attention with their talents touring with jazz greats Jerry Bergonzi, Tim Hagans, Adam Nussbaum, Jeff "Tain" Watts, Greg Hutchinson and David Liebman.

At the conclusion of the tour, WWEQ will record new material in Copenhagen where Weiskopf will continue to showcase the confluence of three of Europe's most exciting rhythm section artists.

Says Jazz Weekly about WWEQ's second album *Worldwide* (Orenda Records, 2019), "Big toned tenor saxist Walt Weiskopf sounds like a Prestige-era John Coltrane on this hard bopping session with Carl Winther/p, Andreas Lang/b and Anders Mogensen/dr on this collection of originals and a couple covers."

Steely Dan Tour:

With twenty critically-acclaimed albums and countless sideman credits, Weiskopf will also tour, for the sixteenth year, with Steely Dan during their 2020 Tour.

Weiskopf has been a member of the legendary Steely Dan since 2003. He started his career with the Buddy Rich band at the age of 21. In the years since, he has released 20 CD's featuring a stellar cast of the best contemporary jazz musicians including Brad Mehldau, John Pattituci, Joe Magnarelli, Renee Rosnes, Larry Goldings, Peter Bernstein, Joe Locke, Conrad Herwig, Peter Zak, Billy Drummond, Bill Stewart, and Peter Washington to name a few.

Led by co-founder/singer Donald Fagen, Steely Dan has been continuing as a touring act since the 2017 death of co-founder Walter Becker. The band is best known for hits such as "Do it Again," "Reelin' In the Years," "Josie," "Deacon Blues," "Peg," and "Hey Nineteen," among many others. Steely Dan tickets on sale now at www.steelydanofficial.com.

WWEQ 2020 tour dates include the following:

- Jan. 16: Lyon, France, Hot Club Lyon
- Jan. 17-18: Basel, Switzerland, Bird's Eye Jazz Club
- Jan. 19: Vilnius, Lithuania, Jazz Cellar
- Jan. 21: Sopot, Poland, Sopot Boto Club
- Jan. 22: Århus, Denmark, Erlings Jazz Club
- Jan. 23: Flensburg, Germany, <u>Sæsonprogrammer Sydslesvigsk Forening</u>
- Jan. 24: Berlin, Germany, Zig Zag Jazz Club
- Jan. 25: Neuburg, Germany, Birdland Jazz Club
- Jan. 26: Pohrsdorf, Germany, Saxstall
- Jan. 28: København, Demark, i.K.Gottfried
- Jan. 29: Svaneke, Denmark, Svanekegården Bornholm
- Jan. 30: Umeå, Sweden, Umeå Jazzstudio
- Jan. 31-Feb. 1: Paris, France, Sunset-Sunside
- Feb. 2: Ittre, Belgium, Heptone
- Feb. 3: Brussels, Belgium, Bruxelles Conservatoire
- Feb. 4: Holstebro, Denmark, Slagteriet Cultural Center
- Feb. 5: Helsinge, Denmark, Gribskov Biblioteker
- Feb. 5: København, Denmark, Christiania Jazzclub
- Feb. 7: Odense, Denmark, Musikhuset Dexter
- Feb. 8: Oslo, Norway, Herr Nilssen

For more information: www.waltweiskopf.com/tour-dates.

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