

GIANNI GAGLIARDI

SAXOPHONE PLAYER AND COMPOSER

"With excellent arrangements on a variety of challenging compositions, all of which were written by Gagliardi. 'Nomadic Nature' is a most impressive debut . . . Gagliardi is now a rising star on the Brooklyn jazz scene." **By Ron Netsky, Rochester City Newspaper.**

" Gagliardi is fronting a quintet of like-minded modernists, delivering music that's distinct and bracing. Dynamic arcs and a sense of drama and mystery are all alive and well in Gagliardi's work. One of his many gifts surrounds his ability to shape and build intensity" – **By Dan Bylawsky, All About Jazz**

" Brooklyn's Best...Tenor Saxist Gianni Gagliardi is one of the new up and comers, and he sounds pretty impressive and original here in (Nomadic Nature) as he leads a team [...] through eight originals" **George W.Harris, Jazz Weekly**

"A powerful talent at his early twenties . . . Gagliardi is without a doubt the great hope of our jazz" - **Chema Garcia Martinez, El Pais**

"Finally, Gianni's Debut CD! It really is about time as I've been enjoying his music and playing on and off the bandstand for several years now. 'Nomadic Nature' is a collection of great music (all of it original compositions by Gianni) played by a superb band, enjoy!" - **Drummer/composer Jorge Rossy**

"Gagliardi is a wonderful player and composer with a unique lyrical voice. He shines with a first rate band. His playing has a natural, unhurried, organic quality. Looking forward to hearing more from this significant new player on the jazz scene." – **Pianist and Composer, David Berkman.**



**GILAD HEKSELMAN
LUKE MARANTZ
ALEXIS CUADRADO
MARK FERBER**

Nomadic Nature, the debut CD from tenor saxophonist/composer Gianni Gagliardi, is comprised of original music charged with autobiographical stories of places and people that have impacted Gagliardi greatly. It is through his compositions that he reflects on the experience of being an artist with no fixed residence; a sojourner who roams the world with his horn in search of the next experience or encounter that will inform his art. **Nomadic Nature** features Gilad Hekselman (guitar), Luke Marantz (piano), Alexis Cuadrado (bass) and Mark Ferber (drums).

Gagliardi was born in Barcelona in 1987. He began to study violin and baroque/renaissance flute, switching to saxophone at 14. Two years later he moved to the Netherlands to pursue a degree in jazz performance at the Conservatorium van Amsterdam. In 2009 Gagliardi studied at SUNY Purchase with jazz legends such as Eric Alexander, Hal Galper and Arturo O'Farrill, leading to studies at Le Conservatoire National Supérieur de Paris. After moving to Boston to attend Berklee College, Gagliardi was awarded a presidential scholarship in 2012 to the new Berklee Valencia school as a Student/Ambassador, charged with performing for and promoting the college around the world, with appearances at the European Parliament in Brussels, the MIDEM Convention in Cannes, France and many others.

Gianni is the Director of the Barcelona Jazz Collective, a platform for rising composers and improvisers musicians to produce and release albums, and has been invited to perform at prestigious international jazz festivals around the globe, such as The North Sea Jazz Festival, the Luxembourg Jazz Festival, Guatemala and Nicaragua Jazz Festivals and Eurojazz Festival (Mexico), as well as leading jazz venues such as Bimhuis, Porgy & Bess Vienna, Jamboree. Gagliardi has also played in Europe, South America and USA with musicians such as John Clayton, Eric Alexander, Dick Oatts, Phillip Harper, Terrell Stafford, Jorge Rossy and many others. **Now, Gagliardi is determinedly making his mark on the Brooklyn/NYC scene with the release of his debut CD, Nomadic Nature.**

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