

# Marco Ullstein Quintet



**Description** The Marco Ullstein Quintet skillfully blends jazz tradition with contemporary elements using vibraphone, tenor saxophone, guitar, bass, and drums. Led by the German vibraphonist and composer Marco Ullstein from Munich, their music features captivating melodies and well-arranged compositions, showcasing a distinct blend of instrumental voices. They dynamically shift instrument roles in each piece, creating a variety of sounds and catchy passages, highlighting the ensemble's exceptional musicianship and individual soloists.

The Quintet's performances are more than exceptional interplay. They incorporate energetic duets between tenor saxophonist Pietro Mirabassi and drummer Francesco Parsi, melancholic guitar interludes by Emiliano Roca, and rhythmic counterpoints by Marco and bassist Arjun Ramdas. Their sound merges even eights, swing, classical influences and captivating melodies to create a variety of catchy passages in well-arranged compositions.

**Achievements** In March 2023, the Quintet won the **1st prize at the Grachtenfestival jazz competition** in Amsterdam and went on tour in the Netherlands. In the summer 2023, after playing as finalists at the Conad Jazz Contest at **Umbria Jazz Festival (IT)** they were awarded **three first prizes at Barga Jazz Festival and Fara Jazz Festival** in Italy and the **EU Young Talent Jazz Award** in Heerlen (NL). Recent concerts brought the quintet to perform at renowned venues like the **Concertgebouw Amsterdam** and the **Muziekgebouw Eindhoven** and in February 2024 they received the **audience award** for the best performance at the Jazz competition Bettinardi in Piacenza, (IT).

In February 2024 they received support by the Keep an Eye Foundation for a live recording session at Studio 150 in Amsterdam and in the end of August 2024 their **debut album** will be released.

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*“It was as if the dozens of attendees in Amsterdam's Tolhuistuin were transported note by note into another world”*

– De Telegraaf (Netherlands)

## Band members

Marco Ullstein	- Vibraphone
Pietro Mirabassi	- Tenor Saxophone
Emiliano Roca	- Guitar
Arjun Ramdas	- Double Bass
Francesco V. Parsi	- Drums

## Music

Bandcamp:  
<https://marcoullstein.bandcamp.com/>

## Socials

Instagram:  
[#marcoullsteinquintet](https://www.instagram.com/marcoullsteinquintet)  
Facebook:  
<https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100091982748208>

## Live videos

Youtube Channel:  
<https://tinyurl.com/2w7rcsj>