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MELVIN - HASS - LEE

A new and exciting trio consisting of saxophonist Thomas Hass, guitarist Søren Lee, and American drummer Brian Melvin came to life during the Copenhagen Jazz Festival 2023.

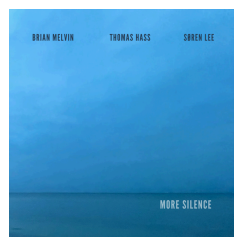
The music is characterized by Søren Lee's atmospheric and ethereal guitar sounds, which create a foundation for Thomas Hass's lyrical tones. Accompanied by Brian Melvin's colorful and wide-ranging meditative drumming, they create a unique and personal collective musical expression. The repertoire consists of original compositions, open improvisations, carefully selected standards, and compositions by artists such as John Coltrane. It's an open and lyrical universe with roots in both Scandinavian and American jazz. The group was in the MillFactory Studio in February 2024, and is set to release its first album "MORE SILENCE" in early 2025 with a single dropping in December 2024. Take a sneak listen here: [MORE SILENCE](#).

Line up:

[Thomas Hass - Saxophones](#)

[Søren Lee - Guitar](#)

[Brian Melvin - Drums](#)



Thomas Hass

Thomas Hass is one of Scandinavia's prominent saxophonists who has shaped Danish jazz for decades. He has performed with renowned musicians such as Rakalam Bob Moses, Tomasz Stanko, Kenny Werner, Jerry Bergonzi, Joe Lovano, and Carsten Dahl. Hass has received awards and nominations for his artistic work and has released 17 albums as a leader or co-leader, primarily in the acoustic jazz quartet format featuring some of Scandinavia's leading jazz artists. Hass has also ventured into electronic jazz music, releasing two albums with The Society

Søren Lee

Søren Lee has recorded and played with jazz legends such as the late bassist Ray Brown, Jim Hall, Brad Mehldau, Adam Nussbaum. Søren has made a name for himself on the international jazz scene through his highly acclaimed trio recordings. "What a pleasure to discover Søren Lee - A tribute to the universal appeal of music - jazz music - Simply excellent" [Jim Hall, jazz guitarist] "Søren Lee is a deeply soulful player, whether he's burning through or telling a story through a his beautiful ballads" - Larry Goldings.

Brian Melvin

Brian Melvin is an American drummer and has, among other, played and recorded 6 records with the great late bassist Jaco Pastorius (where his recording "Standards Zone" was number one for 13 weeks and is in the jazz hall of fame in the USA). He has also played and recorded with many other jazz and rock legends such as Joe Henderson, John Scofield, Mike Stern, Joe Lovano, Bob Weir (Grateful Dead) and Beatle jazz and Rashied Ali. Elvin Jones, who was John Coltrane's drummer of choice for many years, was Brian Melvin's friend and mentor.