

World BEATHoven Album reloaded
feat. YBB NRW & Andi Otto

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World BEATHoven Album Cover

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Inspired by the work on 179 European folk songs, which Ludwig van Beethoven reworked and rearranged for the Scottish publisher George Thomson between 1809 and 1820, an extraordinary project with an international artist network (approx. 150 actively involved) was created on the occasion of the 250th birthday of this nature lover, humanist, visionary and composing genius realized:

Twenty melodies from Beethoven's works were recorded by musicians from the Cologne-Bonn region on non-European musical instruments. This sample databank was created under the direction of Hans Zimmer's sample library developer Felix Ohlert and then used by music producers around the world as the basis for new electronic music titles.

The »World BEATHoven Album« has been available online for free download since January 3, 2020: www.taxi-mundjal.com/beethoven.html

One of the highlights of the project which was created by the Polish-German artist and cultural manager Darius Darek is the performance of the 35-member Youth Brass Band NRW under the direction of Martin Schädlich, who will reinterpret the album as a brilliant ensemble on October 10, 2020 in the Bonn Brückenforum.

Before that one of the album producers will appear: Andi Otto is a musician and producer from Hamburg. On stage he plays a unique sensor-supported cello bow that he developed in collaboration with the STEIM Institute in Amsterdam. This instrumental system, which he calls Fello, enables the

gestural performance of the electronically processed sounds of the amplified cello - an additional layer of musical modification that resembles the almost magical flow of theremin playing. Andi Otto regularly composes for theater and dance performances, in which he also appears as a performer.

The whole event will also be broadcast to the world via livestream:

www.youtube.com/watch?v=HMTZqFkb1KY
www.facebook.com/458667067936496/live/

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