



## ARTVARK & DRUMS UNITED

World grooves & Soulful Soundscapes

**4 saxophones, 4 drummers, 4 continents**

Artvark Saxophone Quartet dives deep into the World of Groove. Their partner in crime on this occasion is the mighty collective Drums United which is led by Lucas van Merwijk.

**Drums United** consists of Holland's Van Merwijk, Venezuelan Marco Toro, Turkish Alper Kerkeç and Senegalese Moussé Pathé. Imagine **Artvark** clawing and creeping their way across a stage as a four-headed monster, blowing wailing saxophone melodies and set in soulful soundscapes, while Drums United cook up their ultimate and distinctive World Groove. **Artvark & Drums United** will take you on a timeless trip, passing a meditative choral with singing percussion directly into the face of a steaming saxophone solo on a deep swamp groove.

**Drums United** have toured the world with shows like 'Heartbeat' and 'Rhythm Dreams': the perfect storm of drums and percussion performed by hugely respected percussionists from four different continents: Africa, South America, Asia and Europe. Leader Lucas van Merwijk was chosen in 2015 by members of De Slagwerkkran as best World and Fusion Drummer of the Benelux.

After twelve years **Artvark Saxophone Quartet** continue to feel at home playing big international concert stages for their diverse fan base: from the Rotterdam Operadagen to the Cairo Jazz Festival. Besides holding the crowds with their live shows, they have engaged in numerous very well received collaborative projects. Among others, Sly meets Callas with classical soprano Claron McFadden, Polderbeest with actor John Buijsman, Bosch in Bed with dance company De Stille and Homelands with Dutch Cameroonian singer Ntjam Rosie.

### **Drums United**

Lucas van Merwijk (Holland) – drums & percussion

Alper Kekeç (Turkey) – Oriental percussion

Marco Toro (Venezuela) – Latin percussion

Moussé Pathé (Senegal) – African percussion

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### **Artvark**

Rolf Delfos – alto saxophone

Bart Wirtz – alto saxophone

Mete Erker – tenor saxophone

Peter Broekhuizen – baritone saxophone

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