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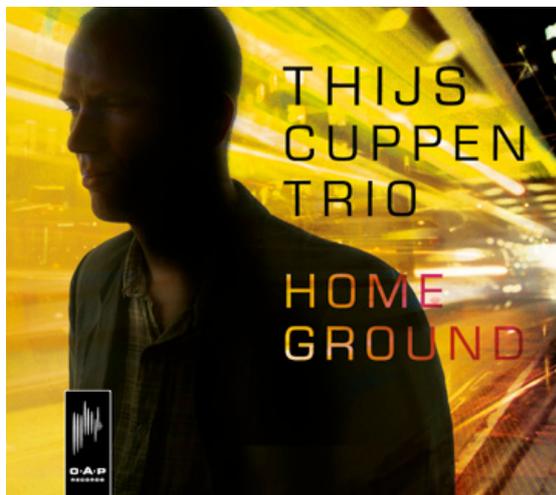
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## Thijs Cuppen Trio Homeground

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Pianist Thijs Cuppen makes music that doesn't want to be pigeon-holed. He belongs to no genre, does not want to be trendy, but reveals himself in his debut cd 'Home ground' as a poet-storyteller with feeling for drama and a pianistic idiom very much his own. Cuppen is known for his work in saxophone player Susanne Alt's quartet, with whom he recorded three albums, performed several times at the North Sea jazz festival, but builds here a surprising and personal musical home with a remarkably precise and subtle trio. His ten own compositions, which almost can be listened to as a joint 'suite', are beautifully contrasting, with haunting melody lines that resound in one's ears. Sometimes with an impressionistic shade, always full of atmosphere. From the strong and tight opening movement of 'Slumber mountain' into the tenderness of 'The traveler'. From a melancholic 'Homeground'- with bowed bass - via the frenetic dissonants of 'Otherness' into a poetry ('Last blossom') that never gets sentimental. Helped strongly by the naturalness and the original accompaniment of drummer Philippe Lemm and the right choices of bassplayer Cord Heineking in this tightly knit jazztrio.

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### Facts:

- \* 2x finalist Dutch jazz competition
- \* Tour with Pete Philly & Perquisite (2009)
- \* Studio work with Giovanca's "Subway Silence" (2008)
- \* Susanne Alt Quartet (2x North Sea Jazz, 3 albums)
- \* Played on many European Jazz festivals

### LINE UP:

Thijs Cuppen: Piano  
Cord Heineking: Double Bass  
Philippe Lemm: Drums

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### TRACKS:

- 1 Slumber Mountain
- 2 The Traveler
- 3 Asturias
- 4 Homeground
- 5 Paludianity
- 6 Saba
- 7 Maya
- 8 Otherness
- 9 Last Blossom
- 10 Many Moons

All compositions written and arranged  
by Thijs Cuppen