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Savka i Griška – *A Journey To An Eastern European Childhood*

East Drive is one of the most dazzling phenomena of Europe's jazz scene today. They combine both strong melodies and dense rhythms with a freely improvised approach in their music, yet still not being afraid of straightforwardness and clear harmonical ideas. East Drive is a band of three extraordinary voices who have grown together into a musical and intimate dialogue over many years. Every performance becomes its own unique reality, due to their readiness to take risks and blind trust, their ability and will to pick up and perpetuate any impulse of the others, their pristine energy, pure impulse and sheer endless creativity. The redefinition of power trio in modern jazz music.

Vitaliy Zolotov was born and grew up in the Ukraine and moved to Germany in order to study music. He performed with Dee Dee Bridgewater, Sara Gazarek and Triosence, among many others. He is the winner of the audience award of *Palmares Gibson Montreux Jazz Guitar Competition* at the 42. *Montreux Jazz Festival*.

Philipp Bardenberg is a true cross-over and fusion artist being at home in different genres such as jazz, pop, ethnical roots and world music. He has been touring and recording extensively with musicians such as Sivan Perver, Xero Abbas, Arve Henriksen and Clueso.

Polish-born drummer and percussionist **Bodek Janke** has been dubbed "above average", "outstanding" and "a master of many dialects" by international journalists. After his studies and a six-year-long stay in New York City he's been performing with Gilad Hekselman, Nguyen Le, the WDR Bigband, NDR Bigband, Bill Evans, Yo-Yo Ma & the Silk Road Ensemble and Aynur Dogan, amongst many others. In 2008 he has been awarded with *Jazzpreis Baden Wuerttemberg*, in 2010 with *Neuer Deutscher Jazzpreis* and in 2015 he was honored with the renowned *Ruth* award at the TFF World Music Festival in Rudolstadt.

Their latest production *Savka i Griška - A Journey To An Eastern European Childhood* takes the listener to a fantastic world of eastern european children's songs. East Drive have invited one of the most prominent and innovative vocalists of today's young european jazz scene: The prize-awarded Odessa-born **Tamara Lukasheva**. The young musician has made a reputation for herself working with the WDR Bigband, Matthias Schriefl and Arkady Shilkloper. With her multi-cultural talents she joins the band's concept effortlessly, creating a magical, energetic and humorous trip to the mythical world of easter european childhood. On *Savka i Griška* she plays a major role and she has been inspiring and astonishing with her musical approach, expression and diversity.

Vitaliy Zolotov - Guitar

Philipp Bardenberg - Bass

Bodek Janke - Drums, Percussion, Tabla

&

Tamara Lukasheva - Vocals

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