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Luca Aquino - trumpet, flugelhorn
Giacomo Ancillotto - electric guitar
Dario Miranda - double bass
Ermanno Baron - drums

First Rain is the new album by pianist Emiliano D'Auria, released on May 28th by the Norwegian label Losen Records. With a quartet consisting of Luca Aquino (trumpet), Giacomo Ancillotto (guitar), Dario Miranda (double bass) and Ermanno Baron (drums), Emiliano D'Auria has recorded 12 new pieces, 12 soundscapes recorded between February and March 2023 in the distant and boundless Norwegian landscape of the island of Giske, in anticipation of the approaching "first rain".

First Rain contains all the energy of immeasurable spaces, the breath of vast visions, the perception of impending and coming changes and the approaching "first" rain.

Originally from Ascoli Piceno, D'Auria, artistic director of the JazzAP Festival and of the Cotton Jazz Club of Ascoli Piceno, composes music full of reverence and authenticity in his fifth album, the second with this ensemble. A very evocative flow of sounds that creates a rare and mystical atmosphere.

Without leaving room for solo playing, the quartet's instruments interact in harmony and are directed towards the construction of a collective thought. The lyricism of Aquino's trumpet, the raw sound of Ancillotto's six strings, the melodious pianism of D'Auria's piano, the security and perfect intonation of Miranda's double bass and the pure, free approach to Baron's improvisation are all distinctive and recognizable features that go back to the individual elements that, once they mix, magically transform into a common sound. It is the search for this sound that characterizes D'Auria's intentions and his stylistic signature.

Magmatic sounds of rare richness can be captured in the sometimes quite loose sound webs, in which the absence of bright colors represents a dim, visionary beauty, indicating a faint but clear light that heralds rain, hope and rebirth.

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jazz-fun.de says:
On his latest album, Emiliano D'Auria presents himself as a lyrical artist who focuses on inner experiences and subtle emotions that are easier to express in sounds than in words. "First Rain" breathes sincerity and charm, it is great and worth every single moment.

1. The Storm Around Stillness
2. The Unexpected
3. Entr'act #3
4. Birth And Rebirth Of The Birds
5. Entr'act #2
6. The Man Without Nose
7. Social Melancholy
8. Entr'act #1
9. Looking For Love
10. Momento
11. Dead Ice
12. First Rain

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