

## STEEN RASMUSSEN QUINTETO

### THE PAULO BRAGA PROJECT

**Steen Rasmussen Quinteto** has established themselves as one of Denmark's, second to none, best Brazilian-inspired jazz acts, with a personal touch, deep confidence, consisting of some of Denmark's best performing musicians, percussionist **Jacob Andersen**, Trombonist **Lis Wessberg**, bassist **Fredrik Damsgaard** and drummer **Jonas Johansen**.

The band has a tradition for cooperation with Brazilian artists - most recently with Brazilian singer and guitarist **Leo Minax**, who appears on the band's latest album, **Steen Rasmussen Quinteto featuring Leo Minax - Lo mejor de cada casa**. This album was nominated for a **Danish Jazz Grammy** in 2013 in the category "**Best Special release of the year**"



In 2014 Steen Rasmussen Quinteto, with support from eg. **Danish Arts Council**, launched their most ambitious project - the recording of **album no. 5**, featuring world famous Brazilian drummer, "**the father of Brazilian drums**", **Paulo Braga**.

**Paulo Braga** played for many years with the two major Brazilian stars ever, **Antonio Carlos Jobim & Elis Regina**. It is Paulo Braga, playing drums on the world famous 1974 album: "**Elis & Tom**". This alone would create a legend.... In recent times, Paulo Braga is known from countless contexts. For example with **Eliane Elias, Joe Henderson, Pat Metheny, Milton Nascimento, Michael Brecker, Edu Lobo, David Sanborn and Rosa Passos**. Read about Paulo Braga on Wikipedia and get a sense of a outstanding, comprehensive work.

**In 2015 the new album will be released. A tour in Denmark, Scandinavia and Europe is organized.** The band are very proud to announce that **Paulo Braga is joining the tour**, which includes shows at legendary jazzclub, **Jazzhus Montmartre in Copenhagen**. It is a **major scoop** to be *the* band who is able to present Paulo Braga in Denmark.

**Paulo Braga's** musical history is amazing. He is 71 years, in top shape, with a personal way of drumming, that sets a precedent for a whole generation of Brazilian drummers. **He is recognized in Brazil as one of the most important drummers ever.**

Also the **amazing Brazilian singer and guitarist Leo Minax** will be joining both album and tour. Leo has a strong influence from the sophisticated musical tradition of **Minas Gerais**, where he grew up in the seventies, right next to the legendary artist collective, **Clube da Esquina in Belo Horizonte**. Leo lives in Spain where he, as well as in Brazil, is a highly respected singer and songwriter.

**Steen Rasmussen Quinteto** has existed since 2007, released **four albums**, and **toured extensively in Denmark, France, Spain, Ecuador, Columbia and Brazil**. The band has achieved prestigious **5-star reviews** from various major music-reviewers. Their albums have repeatedly been named as among the year's best releases. The band was **Jazz Grammy** nominated in 2013 in the category "**best Special release of the year**".

They managed to play **seven sold-out concerts** in a row at the legendary jazz club; **Cafe Central** in Madrid, Spain. They played at **Ecuador International Jazzfestival** in 2013. **Several tours in Brazil**, where they recorded album No. 3: "**Steen Rasmussen Quarteto em São Paulo**" featuring Brazilian singers, **Marcia Lopes & Fabio Cadore**. This album was released in **Japan**, and was reviewed as being "**the birth of a masterpiece**". A track from the album "Lo mejor de cada casa" was for two months the **most played track on DR P8-JAZZ**.

In 2014, **JazzDenmark** selected the band to perform at **Festival Maison du Danemark in Paris**.