

Marina & The Kats - Info "Friendly Fire"

Anyone who thought that 'Different' was the most original album yet from the Vienna-based band will be proven wrong: standing still is not part of the band's vocabulary. "Friendly Fire" is the name of the latest longplayer with which MARINA & THE KATS have left their mark on contemporary swing music.

Since the release of their debut album "Small", their blend of modern indie sounds and classic swing has delighted fans worldwide. The result is an exciting dynamic that appeals to those with a penchant for the nostalgic as well as those in search of new sounds. In short, an intriguing mix of old and new that sounds both familiar and fresh.

If you don't know M&TK, you're missing out, and you should know this: Three of the four band members actively play drums or share a set. The concept of "shared drums" has become a trademark of the band over the past few years and is a major contributor to the band's unique sound. The rhythmic component comes to the fore in the music, but without becoming monotonous. The music still captivates with melodies that won't leave your head, unexpected harmonic twists and imaginative arrangements that make you forget that there are only four people on stage.

M&TK are a working band. They write songs with depth, produce and arrange them, and tour all over Europe without succumbing to trends or fashions. Lyrically, "Friendly Fire" deals with unpleasant and personal issues such as the pressure to succeed, growing older, constant judgement and fears. But don't worry, all hope is not lost.

"We're all about breaking through self-imposed boundaries, surprising people and still being true to ourselves," the band says.

How does that sound?

It's like Eartha Kitt singing with the Black Keys.