And the admiration for Brunborg goes further than Manu Katché, in 2012 he was honoured with the "Buddyprisen", Norway's most prestigious jazz award. Brunborg now proves his worth one yet again on "Slow Snow", an album that exclusively showcases his own compositions. It is characterised by the interweaving of closeness and distance, relaxation and compaction, eccentricity and simplicity, of electronic and natural sounds. Especially the contrast between the entirely reduced, almost gnarly bass rhythms and motifs and the warm and lyrical saxophone lines that lend pieces like "History" and "Tree Strong, Tall Swaying, Swinging, Sighing" (a title that borders on an allegorical description of the song's contents) an inspired, powerful flow that grabs you and doesn’t let go. Brunborg selected his fellow campaigners for the record carefully: on the drums the 46 year-old Per Oddvar Johansen, a five-time winner of the "Spellemannprisen" (the Norwegian Grammy), who has also demonstrated his fondness of subtle power with Trygve Seim, The Source and Solveig Slettahjell; on bass Steinar Raknes, one of the most highly talented youngsters around, who has already performed together with US stars the likes of Chick Corea, Michael Brecker and Bobby McFerrin; and last but not least, Eivind Aarset, one of the most renowned Norwegian guitar experimenters for many years now, who contributes a multitude of fascinating sounds, some of them electronic, to "Slow Snow".

As was to be expected from team-player Tore Brunborg, these four are about as close as it gets. A true band with genuine, deeply felt music is what you get here. And quite by the by, Brunborg shows something on "Slow Snow" that many of his colleagues knew but audiences were not yet aware of, right from the start on "Shelter", that he is an outstanding melodic composer and a pianist of masterful touch.

It is high time you discovered one of the unsung heroes of Nordic Jazz: Tore Brunborg.
Tore Brunborg

Slow Snow
ACT 9586-2

Music composed and produced by Tore Brunborg

01 Shelter 5:08
02 Tune In 5:48
03 History 6:18
04 Tree Strong, Tall Swaying, Swinging, Sighing 5:45
05 Now’s The Time 2:10
06 Wherever You Go 4:06
07 Lost And Found 3:19
08 Liquefied 6:47
09 Slow Snow 3:50
10 Light A Fire Fight A Liar 4:34

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