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Release Info:

Artist: Marena Whitcher's
Shady Midnight Orchestra

Album -Title: Ghostology

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Style: Avant-garde Pop/ Ghost-Jazz

Carving her niche in the young Swiss jazz scene, 25 year-old Marena Whitcher from Zurich, is a vocalist, multi-instrumentalist, and composer. Her excursions into every imaginable und inconceivable vocal dimension are eccentric and theatrical, counterpointed by her exploration of sinister and melancholy realms. This year's recipient of the prestigious art-prize granted by the Berlin Academy of Arts, Marena Whitcher has arranged a mosaic of facets in her elaborate Shady Midnight Orchestra, issuing her first album, entitled *Ghostology*.

Ghosts and spirits have haunted all different ages, cultures and fields of art. Marena Whitcher is also fascinated with these timeless creatures. Always restless, they shift between life and death, sadness and euphoria, torment and intrigue.

This clash of opposites drives and informs Marena's personal investigation of ghostly escapades. Composing in a poetic jazz/avant-garde pop style that consistently departs from conventions, her inquisitive spirit arranges a unique ensemble of three voices, bass clarinet, piano, double bass, and drums, seasoned with curiosities discovered in a trove filled with such treasures as a glass harp, a music box or a broken dictaphone.

The most prominent feature of Marena's ghost-jazz are the stories she tells with her transforming voice; stories of dancing skeletons, soldiers frozen in time, and a strange ocean child captures her listeners.

In *Ghostology* Marena Whitcher with her Shady Midnight Orchestra not only expands every piece to the breaking point, it also weaves improvisational moments, storytelling, and bizarre spectacles into a Gesamtkunstwerk, a cohesive artistic statement that conjures spirits to guide us on a risky journey into the unknown.

Band:

Marena Whitcher Komposition, Text, Gesang, Gitarre, Glasharfe
Nils Fischer Bassklarinette, Sopransaxophon
Lisa Hasler Gesang, toys
Isabelle Ritter Gesang, toys
Luzius Schuler Klavier
Maximilian Grossenbacher Kontrabass
Nicolas Stocker Schlagzeug, Glockenspiel

Tourdates:

02.04.15 Dimensione Winterthur
11.04.15 Chrämerhuus Langenthal
22.04.15 Bee-flat Bern (Album-Release Show)
27.04.15 Moods Zürich (ZKB Jazzpreis)

More Dates tba

Tracklist:

01 Ice Soldiers
02 Lost in Time
03 Last Chance for a Ghost Dance
04 Interlude 1
05 Strange Ocean Child
06 Coniunctio Oppositorum
07 Interlude 2
08 Transformation Train
09 Midnight Raven

Credits:

All compositions and lyrics by Marena Whitcher except tracks 3 & 6 (lyrics by Marena & Douglas Whitcher) and track 9 (lyrics by Douglas Whitcher)

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Andy Neresheimer, at Zoo Studios CH by Christoph Utzinger and at
HKB Eigerplatz Studio CH by Lukas Rutzen and Maroni
Mixed and mastered by Martin Ruch: www.martinruch.com
Produced by Marena Whitcher
A co-production with SRF2 Kultur
Artwork by Julia Geiser: www.julia-geiser.ch

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