

THE BEAST IS OUT!

Title:	The Beast
Artist:	Mathias Heise & The Danish Radio Big Band
Composer	Mathias Heise
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Few musicians have such clear evidence of their talent as the 25-year-old harmonica player, pianist and composer **Mathias Heise** – by many considered a rising star on the European Jazz Scene. In addition to the title of Chromatic Harmonica World Champion (2013), the young Danish musician has been honoured with streams of music awards. From 'New Jazz Star of the Year' (2015) to 'The Crown Prince Couple's Stardust Award' (2016) and the prestigious 'Ben Webster Prize' (2017). The latter, by the way, as the youngest ever recipient.

A Musical Beast

The Beast consists of seven original compositions arranged for The Danish Radio Big Band + one composition performed entirely by himself.

According to Mathias Heise, the album title mirrors the special character of the big band: *"A big band has incredible musical powers – almost like a beast that has to be tamed. But once you've tamed it, it can do incredible things"*, the young musician says.

The big band format has always fascinated Mathias, even from a purely visual point of view. *"I remember looking at the three brass sections when I was younger and associating them with a giant, golden, snarling set of fangs, and when the instruments were all playing together, vibrating in perfect harmony, it was like these golden throats were belching out this amazing, superhuman roar"*.

He continues: *"That's not to say that the big band has to be all wild and loud necessarily; it can also be played in a really soft, delicate, even sensitive way. But there is a primitive force in this collection of individual powerful instrumentalists that fuse together into complex polyphonic patterns, or they unite in a single voice, roaring in unison, shaking everything and everyone around them"*.

Unique Personalities

Mathias Heise is really proud of his project with The Danish Radio Big Band – probably one of the World's greatest big bands. *"As a young jazz musician, I looked up to the band members, and even had a few of them as teachers, so it was an incredible feeling for me to be able to record my own music with them."*

According to Mathias, the 19 musicians in the big band each have their unique personality: *"On this album I made frequent use of the fantastic soloists in the band, and their truly unique personalities have raised the compositions to new heights"*.

'The Beast' was released on September 27 (CD/vinyl/digital) by Giant Sheep Music.

Previous releases by Mathias Heise:

Mathias has released 2 albums with his young jazz fusion band **Mathias Heise Quadrillion**: 'Decadence' (2017) and 'Sudden Ascent' (2015) – both on Giant Sheep Music.



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THE BEAST TRACK LIST

1. **Para Mi Madre** (05:44)
2. **Hjernesuppe** - *Brain Soup* (06:49)
3. **Bæstet** - *The Beast* (09:04)
4. **Gentagelsen** - *Repetition* (05:57)
5. **Aftenkaffe** - *Evening Coffee* (05:04)
6. **Enmandshær** - *One Man Army* (05:49)
7. **Pludselig Opstigning** - *Sudden Ascent* (07:04)
8. **Kærlighedsmusik til Anne** - *Love Song* (03:28)



CREDITS

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Chromatic Harmonica
Synthesizer (track 3 + 4)
Piano (track 8)

The Danish Radio Big Band

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Nicolai Schultz
Hans Ulrik
Karl-Martin Almqvist
Pernille Bévort
Anders Gaardmand

Trombones & Horns
Vincent Nilsson
Anders Larson
Kevin Christensen
Annette Saxe
Jakob Munck
Mortensen

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'The Beast' was recorded at DR Studio 3 in January 2018.

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