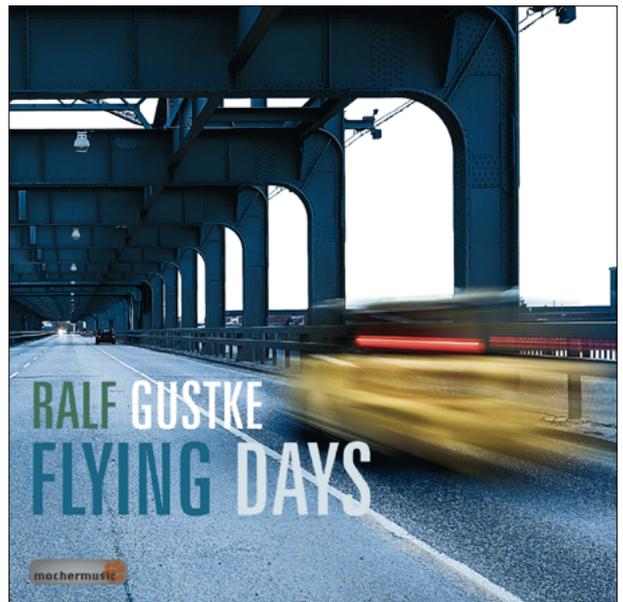


# RALF GUSTKE FLYING DAYS

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With **FLYING DAYS** Mannheim/Germany based drummer **Ralf Gustke** presents a debut album of a very special kind. Having toured for decades on the largest stages with international Stars in Pop & Soul, being represented on way more than 150 CDs and DVDs, starring in numerous drum teaching videos, being a sought after Musical Director for big tour productions, Gustke still was lacking a solo album. Bassist **Claus Fischer** didn't like that either and connected Gustke with pianist and keyboarder **Jesse Milliner**. No other than trumpet player **Joo Kraus** finally made the three guys a quartet, and a band was born where the members clicked with each other right from the start. Having been recorded live in the studio within a few days after just a couple of rehearsals, the ten originals on **FLYING DAYS** sound as if made from one piece, as it is the case only when you don't over-produce something and keep the session feel alive.



**Ralf Gustke** is one of the style-defining and most stylistically flexible drummers in Germany. As hardly any other percussionist he is able to interpret manifold grooves in a complex and virtuoso way and let them still sound subtle and tasteful at the same time. Technical mastery for Gustke is only a means to an end. And beneath his delicate work on the drums you will discover another quality of Gustke, impressively proving the low pun „Entry for musicians and drummers only!“ wrong: a passionate intuition for the music as a whole and the ability to listen to what's going on and to really make music with the drums.

The enumeration of acts Gustke has played live and in the studio reads like a wishlist for Pop-, R'n'B - and Soul drummers: among many others he has worked with Chaka Khan, Wolf Maahn, Edo Zanki, Gianna Nannini, Georg Danzer, Nena, Schiller, Daniel Wirtz, Söhne Mannheims and Xavier Naidoo, for many of them also as musical director.

Over the years Gustke, native of Heidelberg/Germany, has taken some side trips to other styles every once in a while. By working with Electric Outlet, De Phazz, Max Mutzke, Michael Schlierf, Kosho or Adam Holzman he has shown that he is also an exceptional Jazz and Fusion drummer.

With his own album **FLYING DAYS** Gustke now puts the sound on the table that has influenced him and his style and his musicality for more than 30 years: groovy songs à la Steely Dan, jazzy Fusion on the trails of Billy Cobham's „Spectrum“ and funky tracks delivering beats that remind you of Herbie Hancock's „Headhunters“ and of John Scofield. Let's groove and listen!

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## Track list

1	Indian Summer by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	6:10
2	Two by Gustke/Kraus/Milliner/Fischer	4:59
3	Flying Days by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	5:16
4	Rainy Sunday by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	5:34
5	Apollo by Ralf Gustke	5:13
6	Six is Nine by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	5:49
7	Guadaloup by Ralf Gustke	2:09
8	Dangerous Times by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	3:55
9	All in One by Gustke/Milliner/Fischer	4:29
10	Little Things by Gustke/Kraus/Milliner/Fischer	5:48
Total playing time		49:36

## Artist Website & Bio

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## Presskit (zip-file)

[www.mochermusic.com/0018.zip](http://www.mochermusic.com/0018.zip)

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## Lineup

Joo Kraus	trumpet & flugelhorn
Jesse Milliner	synthesizers, Rhodes & piano
Claus Fischer	bass (& guitar solo on „Little Things“)
Ralf Gustke	drums, congas & percussion, samples, loops & beats
Guest:	
Joerg Dudys	guitar on „Dangerous Times“

