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FIL-GERMAN COLLAB DEBUTS AT PHIL INTL JAZZ FEST

Now in its 11th year, the Philippine International Jazz Festival (PIJF) promises to be grander than ever with the inclusion of German pianist and composer Florian Ross, set to perform from February 25 to 28 in Manila.

The Cologne-based Ross will be guesting at the PIJF for the very first time and is coming to Manila by invitation of the Goethe-Institut Philippinen, the German cultural center.

Joining forces with him are local jazz mainstays Colby Dela Calzada (bass) and Michael Alba (drums). Together, they will perform as the "Fil-German Jazz Trio". The three have never played as a group before and will be presenting all-new collaborative pieces in three performances. The Trio will play at the Café Hyatt City of Dreams on February 25 and at Palacio de Maynila on February 27 and 28.

Aside from the performances, Ross is also conducting a workshop on composition on February 26 at the University of Santo Tomas (UST) Conservatory of Music. The workshop starts at 10:00 am and is open to all young composers.

"A deep synthesis"

Florian Ross has been at the core of the German jazz scene for more than 20 years playing and writing music described as coming "from a deep synthesis of heart and mind, of feeling and intellect."

On the side, Ross works with photography and design, and is an accomplished sound engineer, having recorded a number of albums both for himself and for others. Ross is also an active educator, teaching jazz courses at the prestigious Hochschule für Musik und Tanz Köln (University for Music and Dance) in Cologne.

Phil Int'l Jazz Festival at 11

With more than 40 sets of performances in 14 venues in and outside the Metro, the PIJF aims to reach new heights this 2016. Aside from having the Filipino-German collaboration of Ross, Dela Calzada and Alba, the festival will also showcase international acts by artists from Norway, India, Israel and the USA.

The festival is organized by the Philippine International Jazz Festival Foundation headed by jazz singer Sandra Lim-Viray.

The Fil-German Trio's performances and Ross' workshop at the UST are free and open to all upon registration. To register, simply send your name to program@manila.goethe.org. For more information, visit www.goethe.de/manila.

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Captions:

1. German jazz pianist Florian Ross
2. Michael Alba
3. Colby dela Calzada
4. Fil-German Jazz Trio schedule of performances

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