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## **ALEX LEVINE QUARTET**

**ALEX LEVINE** e-guitar

**MARCUS ELLIOT** tenor saxophone

**BEN ROLSTON** acoustic bass

**STEPHEN BOEGEHOLD** drums

June 24<sup>th</sup> 2017 18:00 OPENAIR CAVAGLIA 2017

July 1<sup>st</sup> 2017 17:00 CASA HASLER POSCHIAVO

Via da la Pesa 234, CH-7742 Poschiavo

Free admission

The Alex Levine Quartet was formed in 2010, developing through intensive periods of touring and residencies/workshops, and has presented concerts in venues around United States, Canada, and Europe. The quartet works with fully internalized compositional frameworks in order present music that can be delivered in a completely spontaneous performance. There are highly detailed written elements to the music, but the methodology of the ensemble allows for a complete restructuring at each performance. The debut release of the quartet is "Towards The Center", released on Outside In Music in October 2016.

The musicians were Artists-In-Residence at the UNCOOL residency program in Poschiavo, Switzerland in February and March 2016. The focus of the residency was to cultivate a body of compositions and group approaches to improvisation to present on the quartet's debut album, "Towards The Center". The group returns to Poschiavo for a residency June/July 2017.

Through a shared interest in the power and impact of artists collectives in the history of jazz and creative music, the members of the Alex Levine Quartet founded Polyfold Musical Arts Collective, along with fourteen other artists and composers seeking to further the creative potential of the community. Founded in Detroit, Polyfold produces concerts and recordings, hosts outreach events and educational workshops, and fosters creative community in Detroit and beyond.

Text: Alex Levine