

# mike westbrook pete whyman

With ART WOLF the Westbrooks unleash a radical new quartet, and a new album on the Swiss label altrisuoni.

The latest in a series of collaborations between composer Mike Westbrook and librettist Kate Westbrook, ART WOLF is inspired by the life and work of the Alpine painter Caspar Wolf (1735 -1783) whose very signature was the image of the wolf. Through improvisation, text and formal composition, this powerful new work revolves around the role of the Artist, the "Art Wolf", and the nature of creativity.

ART WOLF was commissioned for the reopening in October 2003, of the Aargauer Kunsthaus, Aarau, Switzerland which houses a unique collection of Caspar Wolf's work.

Chris Biscoe and Pete Whyman have each worked independently with Kate and Mike Westbrook through a series of projects over 20 years, and together as members of the Mike Westbrook Orchestra, and the current New Westbrook Orchestra. ART WOLF brings these four musicians together for the first time in a quartet context.

#### ART WOLF

kate westbrook (voice / tenor horn) pete whyman (saxophone) chris biscoe (saxophone) mike westbrook (piano / euphonium)

## ART WOLF • the album

The ART WOLF CD, produced by Jon Hiseman, is released on the altrisuoni label (AS 186).

Available in the UK at concerts and by mail-order via the website www.westbrookjazz.co.uk

Album recorded with financial assistance from Airshaft Trust and Aargauer Kunsthaus. "an animal is conjured up before us, the like of which we have never seen." Tages-Anzeiger, Zurich 07-03-05

## **art** NOLF – first appearances in the UK

### April 21st 2005 St George's, Bristol - 8pm

Great George Street, Off Park Street, Bristol BS1 5RR Box Office: 0117 923 0359 • Fax: 0117 927 6537 Email: boxoffice@stgeorgesbristol.co.uk £16 (£14); £14 (£12); £10 (£8); £8 (£4)

## May 20th 2005 Kettle's Yard, Cambridge

Castle Street, Cambridge CB4 0AQ **Doors 7pm / start 7.30pm** Box Office: Arts Theatre 01223 503333 Price £20 / £17 Cambridge Modern Jazz Club Members, Students £19 Arts Picture House Members It is not possible to book online for this performance. The paintings of Caspar Wolf will be projected as part of the performance.

### June 17th 2005 Exeter Phoenix - 8pm

Bradninch Place, Gandy Street, Exeter EX4 3LS Box Office: 01392 667080 Email: boxoffice@exeterphoenix.org.uk £10 (£8) The paintings of Caspar Wolf will be projected as part of the performance Exeter Summer Festival

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