

# Marcin Wasilewski Trio

## Faithful (2011) ECM

You can still consider them young even though they have been making music together for more than ten years: those three musicians from Poland who had a leading share in the renaissance of the piano-trio in European jazz.

In an enduring process, the band became very confident in handling this particular musical matter of which mostly everything is written and composed by the band-members themselves. Due to this, the members of the band can communicate blind flyingly and on stage they don't need intervisibility to deploy even their most abstract music.



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Continuing directions sketched on 2007's "January", and the earlier album called just "Trio" (2004), "Faithful" is the third ECM album by Poland's Wasilewski Trio. Their ECM discography also includes a further three albums as members of the Tomasz Stanko Quartet: "Soul of Things", "Suspended Night" and "Lontano", recorded between 2001 and 2005. Furthermore, pianist Marcin Wasilewski and bassist Slawomir Kurkiewicz are featured on Manu Katché's "Neighbourhood" and "Playground" albums of 2004 and 2007. Nonetheless, it is to the trio that the listener must turn for the most comprehensive account of the players' capabilities and inspirations. And "Faithful" may be the most comprehensive album yet from this group, capturing the trio's admixture of energy, lyricism and ideas.

"Faithful" takes its name from its title track, a tune originally from Ornette Coleman's 1966 album "The Empty Foxhole", long a reference at ECM for the clarity of its melodic line and the purity, the innocence, of its improvisation. In an indirect way, it can be related to the history of Wasilewski, Kurkiewicz and Miskiewicz, players who found their shared musical identity when just schoolchildren. Their trio has been in existence since the mid 1990s, and the three musicians have made their discoveries in jazz together.

### Line Up

Marcin Wasilewski (p) | Slawomir Kurkiewicz (b) | Michal Miskiewicz (dr)

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