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## *Jazzista* **Gina Schwarz (Unit)** by Tom Greenland

Vienna-based bassist Gina Schwarz has firm control of *Jazzista*, her leader debut, penning and arranging all the tracks, doubling horns on many of the melodies and featuring herself prominently as a soloist. The sound is based on the trio of herself, gritty rock-edged guitarist Heimo Trixner and drummer Harry Tanschek, expanded by a frontline of trumpeter Bastian Stein, saxophonist Bernhard Wiesinger and trombonist Robert Bachner, with guest support from pianist Philipp Jagschitz and bandoneonist Ingrid Eder. The results are compelling if not groundbreaking, with tight ensemble work, mercurial mood shifts and a few surprises.