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**Thierry Lang**  
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There is a distinctly European style of contemporary jazz – calm, folky, softly elegiac – that we associate with

Germany and Scandinavia. We can now add Switzerland to the list with these exquisite 11 short pieces for piano, flugelhorn, bass and four cellos. Lang is a pianist and composer with a growing reputation and a gift for making chamber-sized music sound spacious, warm and welcoming. Matthieu Michel has a cool, airy sound on flugelhorn, and the cellos are a big surprise, their dark tone adding a mysterious ambience.

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