

# Aimenda

Aimenda is duo featuring soulful jazz vocals, energetic latin american guitar grooves and swinging lines. a fusion between spherical soundscapes of jazz and brazilian music. Laura Lenhardt and Marco Antonio da Costa have developed a unique way to bridge the gap between improvised music, contemporary jazz and brazilian music.

We founded the duo with the idea to merge our different musical influences. The word creation "Aimenda" embodies for us the idea of the "fusion of opposites", the powerful yet fragile delicacy of the voice and a multi-faceted guitar playing, which sometimes seems melancholic and sometimes vivid. Along with our compositions, arrangements and text poems with English and Portuguese lyrics, we are dedicated to the delicate and traditional "art of duo playing" - a dialogue between two musicians in intimate transparency that has its own form of freedom and complexity.

The band members have a strong grounding in jazz from their studies on the prestigious jazz academy at the University of Music and Dramatic Arts Graz. From this background, the duo strives to constantly push the boundaries and blur the edges of the genre through a wealth of influences. From Aimendas first experimentations in 2014 there has always been a search for an individual musical language between jazz, brazilian music and beyond it's borders, still honouring the improvisational element of the jazz tradition.



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