

“ACOUSTIC VERSION”

Antoni Donchev - piano

Hristo Yotsov - drums, vibes, perc.

George Donchev - bass

Acoustic Version was founded in 1985 by both of the most talented performers, composers and music experts in Bulgaria- the pianist Antoni Donchev and the drummer Hristo Yotsov. Since the very beginning the duo has been highly acclaimed by the audience and critics. A German press-review says: *Acoustic Version presents a sound of highest quality and precision as well as an improvising structure, which could not be balanced better than it is.*

Since its establishment the group has worked with many Bulgarian and foreign musician-bass players Georgi Donchev, Plamen Jechev and Petar Slavov, Milcho Leviev, Yildiz Ibrahimova, Alexia, Theodossii Spassov, Andy Scofield, Tommy Smith, Steve Slegle, Tom Harrell and others.

Acoustic Version won the first prizes at two prestigious international jazz contests in Europa: in Hoeilaart, Belgium(1985) and Leverkusen, Germany(1986), where Anthony and Hristo were awarded the title *Jazz Artists of 1986.*

One is sure: it is impossible to precise the style of *Acoustic Version* . Some publications define it as *chamber*, others- as *experimental contemporary jazz*. All these definitions are exact to some extent only, because the music features so many elements. The magazine of the European Jazz Association – “*Jazz Forum* says: *Donchev and Yotsov have managed to extend the jazz language to fields, where no one ever now has made experiments.*”

Albums: *Acoustic Version* – LP 1986

Hitting the spot - CD 1996

Dum-ba- ta - CD 1999

Time In Time Out – CD 2015

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Acoustic Version

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XpsUhK6mC0o>

Interview

<http://www.jazzfm.bg/en/interviews/quarter-of-a-century-of-acoustic-version>

