**Maria Mendes & Vincent Houdijk**

Thisduo of singer Maria Mendes and vibraphonist Vincent Houdijk started with Mendes’s invitation to Houdijk to join her on an original composition she has specially written for him. A golden collaboration has started since then, with playing each other’s original material, tapping on *reimagined standards from the American and Brazilian songbooks.*

*Together they revive sorrowful sounds through hauntingly serenades, jaunty jazz meditations and crisp melismatic scatting. On this bold project, you hear genres infusing each other creating a new blend – a new musical appetite that stirs your soul.*

**Maria Mendes’s** talents have been praised by musical legends such as Quincy Jones and Hermeto Pascoal. She is a Jazz singer in heart and soul, however you can hear her bringing unlikely musical genres together - *sultry bossa novas, melancholic fado, vocal art from the classical music -*moving between them creatively with surprising poise, engaging who listens.

*“A jazz singer of the highest order. Her poise is as impressive as her power”* ***DOWNBEAT, USA***

**Vincent Houdijk** is an incredibly versatile music artist who, after his classical percussion studies, specialized himself on the vibraphone. The combination of his classical and jazz studies gave him an incredibly open and wide view on music which made him always curious for all sorts of music collaborations and styles. He is without doubt a very open and even so spiritually minded music artist and teacher.
*“Vincent Houdijk is a vibraphonist for the 21st century. At times sedate, at others wildly inventive, it seems as if he’s atempting to redefine the instrument’s place in contemporary jazz.”* ***Peter Hoetjes, All about Jazz Magazine, USA***

 *“Vibraphonist Vincent Houdijk joins the vocalist, who’s artfully overdubbed in places, for a winding duo performance on “Tempo Emotivo”, giving the music a multi-hued complexion”****ALL ABOUT JAZZ, USA***

*“The compositions of Houdijk emanate power and are vigorously brought to life.
Each piece of music stimulates the imagination.”* ***Jazzflits Magazine***

*“The singer’s self-penned “Tempo Emotivo” is a playfully virtuosic duet with vibes player Vincent Houdijk which demonstrated the singer’s incredible range and subtle variations in timbral quality”* ***JAZZWISE, UK***

***Video link:***

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