

Judy Rafat (vocal)

and

Thomas Rückert (piano)



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The Judy Rafat and pianist Thomas Rückert Duo

“Judy Rafat delivered first class Jazz. The Duo harmonizes perfectly together and they knew how to absolutely captivate their audience.”
(2006, *Rheinische Post*: “Voices - Fest der Stimmen”)

Thomas Rückert and Judy Rafat is a duo which is perfectly attuned to each other. Thomas Rückert graduated with a jazz degree at the University in Cologne with Rainer Brüninghaus and John Taylor. He has toured often to India, Africa and in the USA and is inspired from many different music styles.

Judy Rafat, graduate from the University of Western Ontario (Canada), with an international reputation, is still regarded as an insider tip. Although she has achieved the respect of her audience wherever she goes and her colleagues not only because of her work with **Paquito d’Rivera**, **Kenny Barron**, **Rufus Reid**, **Frank Weiss** and **Claudio Roditi**, still the recognition as a world star which she deserves slowly is becoming a reality. Wherever she sings in the world, she inspires the hearts of her listeners and touches their souls.

Judy Rafat and Thomas Rückert have been working together since 2000 and have performed in all of Europe. Now their first CD together, “Moments” with beautiful, soulful ballads, with high quality singing ability and sophisticated piano playing which together melt into an absolute unity is finished.