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XYQUARTET is a quartet of NICOLA FAZZINI [as], ALESSANDRO FEDRIGO [acc.b-grt], SAVERIO TASCA [vbs] and LUCA COLUSSI [dms] and have issued XY [cdr 05 [nusica.org](http://nusica.org)] who's basic packaging houses music which for me held many delights. The eight originals, by Fazzini and Fedrigo are very structured, offering a variety of composed terraced platforms from which the players construct their statements. Fazzini has a sour toned alto, Tasca's vibes offer heavy use of vibrato and single note hits which is very effective in moving the music up and forward over which Fazzini fashions exciting statements. Colussi often uses rock patterns while Fedrigo keeps a tempo or shadows a soloist. It is hard to tell where composition ends and improvisation begins, the transitions are natural and seamless, but make no mistake this is (free bop) jazz and damned good.

XYQUARTET had an earlier [March 2, 2012] release, IDEA F [03 [nusica.org](http://nusica.org)], this issued also as a CDR and with the same minimalist packaging. Again the program is eight originals, but the construction of the music is not as distinctive or perhaps as firmly constructed as XY. In addition, Fazzini's (listed as leader on this release) tone is sweeter and at times sounds a bit like a clarinet. Overall *Idea F* offers a less distinct group sound which may indicate XYQuartet is not only sticking it out but zeroing in on it's distinct sound. These two recordings cover 2012 and 2013. 2014?, stay tuned.