**Jazz Opera BLUE SHEETS**

The big love of our colleague Nils THOMA from Unit C.2 is music: He is an active jazz musician (saxophone and recorder player, composer and arranger), head of Trier’s Jazz Club ([www.jazz-club-trier.de](http://www.jazz-club-trier.de), [www.portabile.de](http://www.portabile.de)), a big band conductor ([www.rsbb.de](http://www.rsbb.de)) and leader of a couple of well-known jazz bands.

Nils’ contribution to this discussion is also a fulfilment of a yearlong dream. He has composed a Jazz opera, where the different art forms are combined: music, text (libretto), acting, dance, scenery, costumes and light — all elements of a classical opera.

When two years ago the cultural centre, Tufa in Trier ([www.tufa-trier.de](http://www.tufa-trier.de)) sat down to plan their 30 years anniversary in 2015, Nils Thoma’s dream was to become reality.

So here it is: The Jazz opera BLUE SHEETS.

A huge project involving both professionals and amateurs, and with Tufa organising everything around this big project (in ESTAT we would say: Tufa is the project owner).

Befitting the story (written by libretto writer and director Stefan Bastians) that takes place in a cloth mill, the opera will not be performed in a traditional venue like the theatre but in a very new venue in Trier, the Walzwerk in Trier-Kürenz; an old huge factory building. ‘Blue’ is the obvious colour of Jazz and Blues, and ‘sheets’ has to do with Tufa actually being a former Tuchfabrik (cloth mill).

Nils’ music will ‘touch’ many different kinds and shades of ‘jazz’: There will be Blues, there are Pop and Rock numbers, there is old and new swing, there are modern tunes.

There is help by countless people, and also the Theater Trier is in the boat.

Of course, the biggest help would be if you could come: Sold-out performances will be the best argument to proof that also slightly crazy ideas in the cultural world might work out. So Nils gives you a friendly invitation.

Premiere will be the 7th of November 2015. There are more shows: 8./10./27./28.11.2015 (and hopefully more in 2016 where the opera might get on tour).

Tickets can already be purchased on <http://www.ticket-regional.de/bluesheets>.

More information, pictures and some music on <https://www.facebook.com/Jazzoper.BlueSheets>

*Attached:*

* Poster
* Flyer
* 3 pictures