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A1 *Blow Out*      [play](#)

A2 *Balkantanz*

A3 *Aufbruch*

B1 *Hallo, Igor*

B2 *Ballade für zwei*

Klaus Lenz - leader, trumpet

Max Pflugbeil - trumpet

Claus-Dieter Knispel - trumpet, percussion

Signor Rotbarth - trumpet, flugelhorn

Bernd Swoboda - trombone

Manfred Nytsch - bass trombone

Axel-Glenn Müller - soprano & alto sax, bass clarinet

Helmut Forsthoff - tenor sax, flute

Rainer Gäbler - baritone sax

Wolfgang Fiedler - electric piano, synthesizer, organ

Jürgen Heinrich - guitar

Jörg Dobersch - bass

Dieter Ehrhardt - drums & percussion

Aufbruch which - almost anticipatorily - means departure would be that last album East German jazz giant Klaus Lenz could publish in his home country. Due to problems with the authority he left East Germany in 1977 and settled down in the western part of Germany where he would record only two more albums (both with another giant, Zbigniew Namyslowski). Around 1980 he completely retired from the music scene to earn his living as conservator. A tragic loss for German jazz if you ask me, the man was just 40 years old then. It was a big surprise when Lenz returned this year for some concerts with his old buddies. A CD of these concerts which is said to be pretty fine has been released not long ago.

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