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01. *Man of Tra* - 05:55 02. *Live is Easier Than You Think* - 06:18 03. *Ebu* - 06:37 04. *Not Guilty, No!* - 06:37 05. *Colours Now* - 07:26 06. *Supermarket Girl* - 06:40 Andrzej Urny - guitar; Jerzy Piotrowski - drums; Marcin Pośpieszański - bass; Krzysztof Głuch - keyboards; Marek Kazanya - baritone saxophone; Krzysztof Popek - flute; Piotr Wolski - percussion; Aleksander Korecki - saxophones (soprano, tenor); Włodzimierz Kiniorski - tenor saxophone; Bronisław Duży - trombone; Józef Gralak - trumpet; Piotr Wojtasik - trumpet; Robert Jakubiec - trumpet; Mariusz Gregorowicz - vibraphone; Ewa Uryga - vocal; Jorgos Skolias - vocal; + Tomasz Stańko - trumpet (01); Janusz Skowron - keyboards (02); Michał Urbaniak - violin (04); Geof Goodman - guitar (03); Chris Chilson - soprano saxophone (03).

In the mid-eighties a controversial big band was created by Krzysztof Popek. Named "YOUNG POWER" it very quickly became famous in Europe (notably Norway and Germany) gaining even more publicity than the famous Dutch Willem Breuker Kollektief. Since its first appearance during Warsaw Jazz Jamboree '86 Festival it underwent four reshuffles (editions), from deliberate on-the-stage pranking to maturity of interesting achievements of sound and form. The band boasted many brilliant improvisers and virtuosos. The leader himself, an excellent flutist and composer, inspired joyous enthusiasm and there were others: Piotr Wojtasik - top modern - mainstream trumpet, Bronisław Duży - trombone poll winner, there's one of the best Polish bassists, also composer Marcin Pospieszalski... Almost everyone in the band is worth mentioning. Young Power's peak years 1989-1990 brought valuable recordings and the change of name to "BOWER BROTHERS". This CD presents six stylistically different pieces, ranging from Indian influences ("Man of Tra") through black soul music to Davis-brand of jazz-rock. There are distinguished guests taking part in these recordings: universally known, U.S. based violinist Michał Urbaniak, the best free trumpet in Europe, Tomasz Stańko, the wonderful blind keyboardist Janusz Skowron and two Americans - guitarist Geof Goodman and sopranoist Chris Chilson. --- powerbros.com.pl

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