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KLUMPES AHMAD & AUSTIN BENJAMIN TRIO TOUR

Sound Travellers is on the move again delivering Australia's finest electronic artists to your doorstep. Following on from Pivot's recent tour as part of the St Jerome's Laneway Festival, Klumpes Ahmad and the Austin Benjamin Trio are the next to hit the road throughout February.

Ex-Triosk pianist Arian Klumpes and sound artist and guitarist Shoeb Ahmad collaborate to form Klumpes Ahmad, a unique combination of modern classical and electro-acoustic rhythms. Bridging the divide between their individual musical pasts, the duo's debut release "In Bed We Trust" is rich in organic and exploratory textures and promises to leave listeners absorbed by their lingering sound.

The Austin Benjamin Trio are a dynamic young Canberra trio comprised of Austin Benjamin, Chris Pound and Evan Dorrian. Finding depth and balance between structured and improvised music, their expansive sound encompasses a synthesis of traditional jazz, electronic and folk influences sewn together by intrigue and their carefree energy. Embarking on their first national tour, the Austin Benjamin Trio are presenting "Unravalled, Rewoven" which follows on from is the trio's first release "Amalgama".

Highlights of the tour include the Brisbane show at the Judith Wright Centre with Montreal's **Deadbeat** (Scott Monteith) who is renowned for an ability to craft impossibly heavy dub. Over the better part of the past decade, he's been a central player in exploring the outer reaches of experimental dub, echo-laden dancehall and other curiously rhythmic forms of electronics. With a collection of releases on some of the most respected labels in the world, including **Pole's ~scape**, **Deadbeat's** explorations have received widespread praise. For his show in Brisbane, Monteith is poised to deliver a unique set that is equal parts low-end density and texture, all housed within a pulsing mass of sound.

Also sure to be a big is the Adelaide show with Pantoptique Electrical at the EMU Concert Space - Adelaide Uni on Wednesday, 18th February. Pantoptique Electrical is a studio project by Jason Sweeney, who has been composing sound and music scores for live theatre, dance, film/video and installation projects since 1998.

Performing music from their recently released albums, audiences will be treated to some of the most atmospheric sounds to come out of Canberra's favourite indy label, hellosquare Recordings. Run by Shoeb Ahmad since 2004, hellosquare releases works by people as diverse as the Western Australia based sound artist M.Rosner to the English blues and improv legend Mike Cooper. Focussed on bringing free jazz, modern composition and experimental electronics to the forefront with a home-spun DIY aesthetic developed through an appreciation of hardcore and underground hip-hop, hellosquare has been dedicated to releasing limited editions by similar creative minds while also developing a local following in Canberra through various performances and shows throughout the last three years.

Sound Travellers has a limited number of "In Bed We Trust" and "Unravalled, Unwoven" for review. If you would like a copy, Please contact Amy Curl on 0420 960 310.

NATIONAL DATES

Wednesday 11th February: Hibernian House, Elizabeth St, Surry Hills SYDNEY: Doors 8:30pm - \$10 entry

Thursday 12th February: The Judith Wright Centre, Brunswick St, Fortitude Valley BRISBANE: Klumpes Ahmad with Deadbeat (Canada) Doors 8pm - \$22/\$17 entry (cheaper on pre-sale)

Tuesday 17th February: The East Brunswick Club, Lygon St MELBOURNE: Supported by True Radical Miracle (special piano, strings + effects set!) Doors 7:30pm - \$10 entry

Wednesday 18th February: EMU Concert Space, University Of Adelaide, North Terrace ADELAIDE: Supported by Panoptique Electrical Doors 8pm - \$10 entry

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