



TRIO APOLECTIC

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Catch the next wave of Australian jazz on their July national tour.

"Instant melodic appeal...A band that may well light up Sydney jazz for years to come." John Shand, SMH

"Original, often exploratory, and very well played. Some of the playing is reminiscent of Sydney legend Bernie McGann's trio." **** 4 stars John McBeath, The Australian



Apoplectic, adj. of, resembling, or produced by apoplexy: extremely angry; furious.

Sound Travellers, an Australia Council new music initiative, is thrilled to be supporting the young, talented jazz phenomenon that is **Trio Apoplectic** on a major national tour this July following the release of their superb album 'Sofia'.

Trio Apoplectic demonstrates with remarkable consistency that it is possible to sound contemporary, play freely interactive improvisation, and create pure melody. Their position in Australian jazz is all but unique, in that they can evoke at the same time the effortless lyricism of the West Coast cool school and the freedom of post-Ornette Coleman jazz.



New album Sofia out thru Rufus Records

The trio began in 2003 when **Alex Masso (drums), Abel Cross (bass)** and **Dave Jackson (saxophone)** met studying at The Sydney Conservatorium of Music. Numerous tours and two critically acclaimed albums followed (**'Trio Apoplectic'** - JazzGroove 2007, **'Sofia'** - Rufus 2009) with the guys (all in their 20s) now rated as some of the hottest emerging talent on the Australian jazz scene.

The sound of Dave Jackson's alto saxophone has been likened to that of Paul Desmond of Dave Brubeck Quartet fame. While bassist Abel Cross and drummer Alex Masso can accompany these flights immaculately, they are an essential part of a free three-way dialogue that is completely engrossing. Bass and drums are so melodic and tonally beautiful that they can move seamlessly into the foreground with no loss of intensity and feeling. The trio can swing lightly, blithely, but with a mounting intensity, and they can create fields of beauty. This aspect is very much to the fore on their new CD, **'Sofia'**.

The three have known each other for some time, and you can feel that friendship and intuitive understanding in the music. It is certain that in later years they will still be developing - in the way of great musicians in their maturity. Start now with these brilliant musicians and see where it takes you.

www.trioapoplectic.com

www.rufusrecords.com.au

Sound Travellers is a project funded by the Australia Council Music Board to support musicians in the promotion and national touring of sound art/electronica, improvised jazz and contemporary classical music.

Sound Travellers is now in its 2nd year of bringing the best contemporary Australian music to national audiences.

Applications for Sound Travellers grants to support tours in 2010 are now open.

For more details visit www.soundtravellers.com.au

TRIO APOLECTIC - JULY TOUR DATES

- Wed 15** July 9pm Hippo Bar **CANBERRA** 17 Garema Place. (02) 6257 9090. \$10
- Sun 19** July 9.30pm Bennetts Lane **MELBOURNE** (for MJC) 25 Bennetts Lane (03) 9663 2856. \$12/\$9
- Mon 20** July 8pm The Wheatsheaf **ADELAIDE** (for COMA) 39 George St, Thebarton - (08) 8443 4546. \$10
- Wed 22** July 8pm Ellington Jazz Club, **PERTH** 191 Beaufort St (08) 9228 1088 \$10/\$15
- Fri 24** July Browns Mart **DARWIN**
- Tue 28** July 8.30pm Excelsior Hotel **SYDNEY** (for Jazzgroove) 64 Foveaux St, Surry Hills \$12/\$10/\$8
- Fri 31** July 6pm Unibar **WOLLONGONG** (for Wollongong Jazz) \$14 / \$12 / \$10