

WAY OUT WEST

Acclaimed cross-cultural sextet Way Out West embarks on a Sound Travellers assisted tour to celebrate the release of their new album 'The Effects of Weather' – a unique and alluring sound combining Vietnamese, African and jazz influences.

The eclectic trumpeter/composer Peter Knight, and Vietnamese traditional music virtuoso Dung Nguyen (dan bau, dan tranh, modified electric guitar) are at the heart of this remarkable collaboration. Along with world-renowned West African percussion master Ray Pereira, explosive saxophonist Paul Williamson, acoustic bassist Howard Cairns, and young firebrand drummer Rajiv Jayaweera, Way Out West creates something miraculous: a truly new sound inspired by the cultural vitality and diversity of Melbourne.



"That these exotic sounds blend so well with jazz is a mysterious Melbourne alchemy"
Sydney Morning Herald

In May/June this year the band celebrates the release of a new album *The Effects of Weather* (on Jazzhead) with an extensive Sound Travellers assisted tour of Australia.

Way Out West won the 2009 Bell 'Jazz Ensemble of the Year' Award and appeared at major festivals and venues around the world in the past 18 months including, Montreal Jazz Festival, Toronto Harbourfront Centre, Veneto Jazz Festival (Italy), Takatsuki Jazz Festival (Japan), Vancouver Jazz Festival, Brisbane Festival, Darwin Festival, and EBS Space in Seoul.

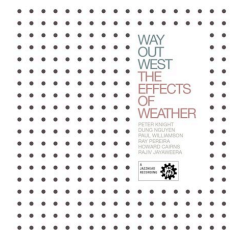
Their new album *The Effects of Weather*, like the band's previous albums, delivers an intriguing collection of jazz inflected melodies infused with sounds from Vietnam and grooves from West Africa. In addition, this album draws in a diverse range of other influences from the minimalism of Steve Reich to the dirty blues of the Mississippi Delta. It also delves deeper into the multi-instrumental talents of Dung Nguyen featuring him playing dan nguyet (Vietnamese mandolin) as well as his regular instruments, dan tranh (Vietnamese zither) and modified electric guitar.

WAY OUT WEST 2010 Tour Dates

Thu 20 May	6pm UTas Hobart Conserv. Recital Hall 5 Sandy Bay Rd. HOBART
Sat 22 May	8pm Burnie Regional Art Gallery 77-79 Wilmot Street BURNIE TAS
Fri 28 May	9pm Stonnington Jazz Festival 12 Little Chapel Street MELBOURNE
Fri 4 June	8pm Don Russell Performing Arts Centre Murdoch Rd Thornlie PERTH
Sat 5 June	8pm Kulcha Multicultural Arts Centre 13 South Terrace FREMANTLE
Sun 6 June	8pm COMA@The WheatSheaf Hotel, 39 George St Thebarton ADELAIDE
Mon 7 June	8pm Venue 505, Cnr Cleveland and Perry Streets, Surry Hills SYDNEY
Wed 9 June	8pm Canberra Uni, Innovation Centre Bldg 22, Bruce CANBERRA
Thu 10 June	7pm Judith Wright Centre for Jazz Queensland, Fortitude Valley BRISBANE
Fri 11 June	8pm NORPA Star Court Theatre 126 Molesworth St LISMORE NSW
Sat 12 June	8pm The Loft, 54a Thomas Dr, Chevron Island GOLD COAST

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Performing work from their brand new album *The Effects of Weather*



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