



TROYKA

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"A cerebral jam band with a funky edge and a relentless drive".

TIMEOUT

"Troyka slot together to make tight, muscular avant-jazz-rock"

JAZZWISE

Troyka are **Chris Montague** (guitars and loops), **Joshua Blackmore** (drums) and **Kit Downes** (organ), three young musicians based in London whose intense live shows have seen them hotly tipped to follow in the foot steps of *Polar Bear* and *Portico Quartet* and become the next young band to explode from the capital's fertile jazz scene. A multi-textured trio with a febrile imagination where no role is pre-defined, their music twists and mutates in an ongoing dialogue inspired by a shared love of *Aphex Twin*, the angular world of iconoclastic New York saxophonist *Tim Berne* and the blues-jazz-rock groove of legendary Steely Dan and Billy Cobham guitarist *Wayne Krantz*.

With their visceral mash-up of rock, jazz and dance music, **Troyka** sound more like *Tony William's Lifetime* remix by *Burial* than the classic hammond organ trio. But then that's the point, they're part of a new generation of young musicians who refuse to be constrained by the old boundaries. To whom the old question of 'what is it' is replaced by 'is it any good'? **Troyka** live in a post hip-hop world where you can take whatever source materials you like and do your own singular thing with it.

Recorded by noted engineer **Robert Harder** (*Acoustic Ladyland, Babyshambles, Brian Eno* etc), **Troyka's** self-titled debut distills the essence of the bands intense live shows in to a finely focused album. From the elemental groove of **Tax Return**, to the slide-driven throb of **Clint**, sly groove of **Noonian Song**, shimmering, tricky **Twelve** and the twisted beauty and carefully calibrated mayhem of **Born in the '80s**, it perfectly nails the bands dark-toned lyricism, shape-shifting grooves and intense improvisational power. **Play Troyka loud, they won't let you down.**

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