

NEIL COWLEY TRIO

* Trio embark on US tour *

A 'first' as Cowley's strings groove at Barbican

Next week sees the start of phase two of the 'education bit' of Neil Cowley Trio's forthcoming gig at London's Barbican. It really is something special – 30-odd classically trained stringers, some students, some pro's, and some lapsed players, with one thing in common – they're all completely out of their comfort zone. They are learning to perform Cowley's epic music by ear – no scores, no music stands, no chairs (cept for the cellists), eyes are up, ears are open and they're grooving like no other!

Aside from material from this years much applauded release, **The Face of Mount Molehill**, Neil is making the most of the occasion and has composed two new pieces especially for the concert. '*Forrest the Officer*' and '*Stop Frame 90's*' (always one for an intriguing song title) pushes the ethic of this concert to its furthest reaches, and act says Neil "as a kind of sonic firework display, in fact, one piece has the flavour of the first movement of a concerto. With the addition of a second and third movement, maybe the Proms beckon next year!"

Neil Cowley Trio perform with the Goldsmiths (Big) Strings at the Barbican on November 17th
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Neil takes a break from string madness in October as he takes his ebullient trio at its stripped down best on the road for a string of US dates. Serving up their quirky English recipe to the home of it all, Neil likens it to "taking the ice back to the Eskimos, but with a bit of British grit slapped down to clear the freeway"!

Finally, 'congratulations' to fellow Riot Management act **Roller Trio** for their much deserved Mercury Prize Nomination for their debut release this year.

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Fri 14 th Sept	Isle of Islay, Scotland	Islay Jazz Festival, Islay, Scotland
Sat 15 th Sept	Isle of islay	Islay Jazz Festival, Scotland
Thurs 11 th Oct	NY, NY, USA	The Iridium
Sat 13 th Oct	Columbus OH USA	Wexner Centre
Sun 14 th Oct	Franklin TN, USA	Franklin Theatre
Mon 15 th Oct	Oakland CA, USA	Yoshi's
Tues 16 th Oct	Los Angeles, CA, USA	The Mint
Weds 31 st Oct	Vienna, Austria	Porgy + Bess
Thurs 1 st Nov	Olomouc, Czech Republic	
Sat 3 rd Nov	Istanbul, Turkey	Salon Club
Sat 17 th Nov	London, UK	The Barbican, as part of the London Jazz Festival Performing with the Goldsmiths (Big)Strings

Fri 30th Nov

Montpellier, France

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