

The Zach Bartholomew Trio

FSU graduates mix past and present in their new album 'Out of This Town'



Photo courtesy of The Zach Bartholomew Trio

The Zach Bartholomew Trio is composed of Miles Bozeman (left), Zach Bartholomew (middle) and Brandon Robertson (right).

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Over the past three years, The Zach Bartholomew Trio (ZBT) have been perfecting and tuning their musical skills to create a unique, yet recognizable sound found on their soon-to-be-released debut studio album, *Out of This Town*. This premier release represents the first official studio recording of the group, exemplifying the culmination of three years worth of performing, rehearsing, studying and working on music together. More importantly, *Out of This Town* represents the birth of what promisingly seems to be the

IF YOU GO

WHEN
June 1

WHERE
Mockingbird Cafe,
1225 North Monroe
Street Tallahassee, FL
32303

LINEUP
The Zach Bartholomew
Trio

ADMISSION
Doors open at 7 p.m.
\$5 cover for adults,
free for children under
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band's own unique musical voice and identity. The band's successful recording did not come without challenge. Mixed with live performance experience and a love for jazz, all three members have professional training from the Florida State University. In May of 2009, pianist Zach Bartholomew earned a Bachelors of Arts in Music and graduated magna cum laude, and bassist Brandon Robertson became a graduate of FSU's College of Music with a bachelor's degree in Music Performance. The trio's drummer, Miles Bozeman, is a senior at FSU earning a jazz performance degree, studying with drummer Leon Anderson.

"*Out of This Town* is a perfect debut album for us," said drummer Miles Bozeman. "It features a collection of original material that represents where we came from and where we are headed. We plan to continue working hard progressing as a band and ourselves as musicians. We will continue using our jazz fundamentals while exploring new avenues in harmony, melody and rhythm to bring a new exciting feeling to the music that everyone can relate to and enjoy."

Sharing the common bond of Seminole culture and jazz education, the group came together in 2009, embarking on the journey to musical creation

and album production.

"We began performing as a group in the spring of 2009 and at that time we were three unique individuals with three different personalities," bassist Robertson said. "By forming the ZBT, we were able to explore those options, hence us now three years later reaching our goal to release our first album together. I would not want to share this moment with anyone else but these guys and I am proud of the accomplishments we have achieved so far."

Frequenting Tallahassee venues the Fermentation Lounge, Mockingbird

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Café and HiFi Jazz Club, the band has made a large footprint within the North Florida jazz community and beyond. The trio has performed throughout the Southeast at jazz venues in Florida, Georgia, South Carolina, North Carolina and Washington D.C. and has also traveled overseas to Europe to share their music.

While touring, the trio was featured on the "Jazz Lifestyle Radio Show" in Charlotte, NC. As indi-

viduals, the three jazz aficionados understand the importance of bringing unique experiences, musical tastes and personality to the sound of the group, and see the process of producing their record from an organic musical ideology.

"We spent countless weeks writing and coming up with different concepts for the process of the album," said Robertson. "Each member wrote about the same amount of songs

and some did not make the cut. However, we eventually were able to unify the same ideas and concepts we were seeking for the album. It was exciting yet a challenging process."

Calling for local support and encouragement in their musical endeavors, ZBT will host an *Out of This Town* album release party at Tallahassee's Mockingbird Café, on Friday, June 1.

"I feel like the success of the release party will lay

the foundation and set the pace for the overall success of the CD," pianist Bartholomew said. "If we are able to build a larger fan base in our hometown and get people here interested in our music, it will make our more ambitious endeavors easier to accomplish."

The event will feature their new release at a discounted price, a live performance of the album and a customized food and drink menu based on the album's compositions.