

The trio of Stephan Crump, Ingrid Laubrock, and Cory Smythe continues to explore and break new ground in the medium of spontaneous composition.

"generating a feeling of both inevitability and surprise" -*Downbeat*

Stephan Crump - acoustic bass

Ingrid Laubrock - tenor and soprano saxophones

Cory Smythe - piano

Stephan Crump, Ingrid Laubrock and Cory Smythe—this trio consists of three highly innovative improvisers. Memphis-bred, Grammy-nominated bassist Stephan Crump is emerging as a singular voice as a composer, with groups like Rhombal and his Rosetta Trio, and is a longtime collaborator with adventurous jazz composers, including Vijay Iyer. Originally from Germany, saxophonist Ingrid Laubrock is now a key innovator on the Brooklyn scene, including as a composer/leader with groups like Anti-House and Sleepthief. She recently topped the 2018 Downbeat Annual Critics Poll for "Rising Star-Tenor Saxophone." Pianist Cory Smythe works actively in new, classical, and improvised music and is celebrated across genre lines, as a core member of the International Contemporary Ensemble and a Grammy-award-winner for his work with violinist Hillary Hahn. The trio released its acclaimed album *Planktonic Finales* on Intakt in 2017, a series of recordings that demonstrate the trio's finesse and sensitivity in collective playing. As Christoph Wagner wrote in the liner notes: "Over long periods, the music seemed to play itself...When listening back to the recordings, at times even the musicians were no longer sure if what they were hearing came from sax or from bowed bass."