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TASSOS SPILIOTOPOULOS

Originally from Athens Greece, Tassos Spiliotopoulos lived in London for over 12 years where he quickly became a part of the UK Jazz scene and worked with many of the country's top musicians. Now a resident of Stockholm, Tassos can be found touring throughout the UK and Europe with his own band as well as numerous other creative projects. He has worked with artists such as Kenny Wheeler, Gary Husband, Asaf Sirkis, Tim Garland, Dimitri Vassilakis, Eileen Hunter, John Parricelli, Mike Outram, John Etheridge, and more.

In 2005, Tassos formed his own quartet with three of the most talented musicians he has been playing with, **Asaf Sirkis**, **Robin Fincker** and **Yaron Stavi**. The idea was to create a fresh sounding, contemporary group that combines lyrical, extended-form compositions with high energy improvising.

The **Quartet's** first album '**Wait For Dusk**' (2006) has a unique sound that is adventurous, atmospheric and at times cinematic. The mood is both dark and joyous, nostalgic and sometimes playful. The quartet plays powerfully with fresh ideas, interaction and imaginative improvisations. Bringing together different musical experiences the group creates a new interesting and contemporary language that goes beyond tradition

Opting for a more intimate sound on **Archipelagos** (2010) Tassos Spiliotopoulos continues to develop his compositional approach which blends contemporary Jazz with modern classical, folk and even rock fusion. The album offers a guitar oriented, European sound that is both intricate and powerful but at times becomes reflective and mesmerising. The **Trio** (Yaron Stavi, bass and Asaf Sirkis, drums) interprets with a range of colours, from energetic to almost brittle and strong band interplay is always at the core of their sound.

PRESS:

Since moving to London in 2000 to study music, Greek guitarist Tassos Spiliotopoulos has built a solid reputation as a technically gifted musician, building an impressive résumé of collaborations in a relatively short time. On Archipelagos, the highly respected Spiliotopoulos demonstrates that he is growing as a composer too, with well-crafted compositions that balance brittle lyricism with fiery improvisation

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"Compelling guitarist Spiliotopoulos creates dark, modal jazz... a band and a guitarist to watch out for."

Time Out, London

"...Guitarist Tassos Spiliotopoulos, a six-string shredder clearly influenced by Allan Holdsworth and John McLaughlin, flaunts some impressive chops..."

Bill Milkowski, Jazz Times

..Tassos Spiliotopoulos developed his melodic originals into a lucid flow of elegant ideas..

Evening Standard

MUSICIANS:

Yaron Stavi — bass: Yaron is a member of Gilad Atzmon's band The Orient House Ensemble which tours intensively around the UK and Europe and won The BBC Jazz Award for Best CD of the year 2003. He also plays with the world famous violinist Nigel Kennedy and has performed with musicians such as Peter King, John Etheridge, Julian Siegel, Gene Calderazzo, Stephen Keogh, Estelle Kokot. He is to be heard on Robert Wyatt's and Phil Manzanera's (Roxy Music) latest albums. In 2005 he recorded with David Gilmour for his new album.

Asaf Sirkis — drums: One of the world's premier drummers, Asaf has toured/recorded with many leading musicians including Chick Corea, Tim Garland, Gilad Atzmon, Larry Coryell, Gary Husband, Jeff Berlin, John Abercrombie. Gwilym Simcock and many more.

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