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CD REVIEW/CONCERT PREVIEW BY PHILLIP GREENLIEF

Chris Speed Brings Endangered Blood To Oakland

Saxophonist /clarinetist Chris Speed has been busy making astonishing music since his first recordings surfaced in the 1990's with bands like Tim Berne's Blood Count and his own diverse recordings on various labels where he appears on clarinet or tenor saxophone. His newest release, *Endangered Blood* (with fellow reed player Oscar Noreiga featured on alto saxophone and bass clarinet, Nor-Cal wunderkind Trevor Dunn on bass and drummer extraordinaire Jim Black) continues his interest in the chord-less quartet and provides the band ample space to work out. In support of this new release on Speed's Skirl record label, the band has recently returned from Europe and is poised to take on the west coast in December 2010 with an appearance in Oakland at the 1510 Performance Space. The band also has a new album in the can that is slated for release in 2011.

The compositions on the new album span post-jazz styles that favor odd meter rhythms and serpentine melodies that deliver surprises at just about every turn. Starting with *Plunge*, the opening cut, the horn players establish an ESP ensemble sound – the alto and tenor saxophones are two parts of the same whole. The harmonic language the players use in their improvisations are faithful to the compositions, but even as they stretch out on the more open improvisation sections there is always the sense that the players are linked to a group mind – in short, these guys sounds like a BAND, not a one-off studio project.

The exception to the original compositions by Speed is the Thelonious Monk classic *Epistrophy*; the band reframes Monk's hopscotch line in 7/4 and gives Jim Black space to deliver an astonishing improvisation over the song form. Trevor Dunn's big funky acoustic bass sound gets a few featured spots and along with Jim Black they drive the engine of this sonic vehicle that twists and turns effortlessly or can

stop on a dime without much ado. The ten compositions on the record allow for freedom of speech and are also impeccably concise, leaving the listener wanting more (in the best sense of the phrase).

This new record is further evidence that jazz is not dead. It proclaims this statement joyously through the use of compositions that are grounded in tradition but strikingly original and furthers the claim with brilliant improvisations. If you're smart, you'll show up on December 10th at 1510 Performance Space and catch

the group live – which is sure to be a treat that reaches beyond the brilliance of this recording and straight into your head. SF Bay Area's own Scott Looney will play an opening set of improvisations with Doug Stuart and Kjell Nordeson – a perfect contrast for an unforgettable night of music.

Chris Speed's *Endangered Blood* & Scott Looney Trio at 1510 Performance Space – 1510 8th Street, Oakland, 94607 – music starts at 8 pm, doors open at 7:30 - \$10 cover \$8 for students. ●

Composer Polly Moller

Saturday, December 18, 2010, 8pm

Trinity Chapel
2320 Dana Street (between Durant & Bancroft)
Berkeley
www.trinitychamberconcerts.com
510-549-3864

\$15 general
\$10 seniors/students/disabled
No one turned away for lack of funds
Trinity Chapel is wheelchair accessible

Polly Moller is an Oakland-based composer, performer and improviser and the leader of a cast of characters called Reconnaissance Fly. This concert focuses on her composed works, improvisation frameworks and sound-art rituals, including *Genesis* for twelve improvisers, *Penelope* for solo piccolo, and *The Flip Quartet*.

- Performers:
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| Nancy Beckman | Cheryl Leonard | Jayn Petingill |
| Krystyna Bobrowski | Amy Likar | Gino Robair |
| Matt Davignon | Marianne Tomita MacDonald | Thomas Scandura |
| Ann Dentel | Laura Malouf-Renning | Karen Stackpole |
| Karl Alfonso Evangelista | Lisa Mezzacappa | Bill Wolter |
| Thea Farhadian | Suki O'Kane | |
| Phillip Greenlief | Adria Otte | |
| Jason Hoopes | Sarah Elena Palmer | |

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Creative Music Calendar

Wednesday December 1

Kingman's Ivy Room • 9pm free
Light A Fire: Evil Trio - Alee Karim (Karim/Hoopes/
Glenn: cinematic alt metal), Grex (Evangelista
Scampavia: free jazz chamber pop), The Demon
Sleeper (Buschman)

Thursday December 2

A Private Residence [Pacific Heights, SF] • 6:30pm
\$35-50
NEXMAP presents an exclusive home concert/talk
featuring the unique San Francisco-based Pamela
Z, a singer/composer/performer and media artist
who has been mesmerizing audiences around
the world for over twenty-five years. One of the
pioneers of live digital looping techniques, she
processes her voice in real time to create dense,
complex sonic layers in her solo works. Food and
drinks will be served.

SFMOMA • 7pm museum admission (1/2 price after
6p)
Italian composer and filmmaker Sylvano Bussotti IN
PERSON with the sfSoundGroup. Film and Music!

Luggage Store New Music Series • 7pm museum
admission (1/2 price after 6p)
8:00 PM Aram Shelton, saxophone + electronics;
Michael Coleman, keyboards; Alex Vittum, drums.
9:00 PM Ear Spray w/Ann O'Rourke - drums/voice
and Carlos Jennings electronics

Friday December 3

Berkeley Art Museum • 7:30pm \$7
The Pacific Mozart Ensemble, directed by Lynne
Morrow, performs Bay Area premieres of newly
commissioned works by Amy X Neuburg and
Sanford Dole, as well as vocal music by Meredith
Monk.

Red Poppy Art House • 8pm \$10-12
Mission Eye & Ear :: Winter 2010 edition: Artists
respond to the theme "I SPY" - with music by LISA
MEZZACAPPA + BRUCE ACKLEY + DAVE MIHALY
Trio, Readings by BETH LISICK, Compositions
by AARON NOVIK, and Drawings by DEBORAH
ASCHHEIM

Subterranean Arthouse • 8pm \$5-10
Stalwarts of the Bay Area music scene, BEEP have
honed their interests in diverse projects spanning
indie rock, free jazz, and the avant-garde fringe,
evolving into the Bay Area's most alluring purveyor
of experimental eclecticism. Their upcoming release,
City of the Future (on Third Culture Records) was
recorded with Eli Crews [Deerhoof, Why?] at New,
Improved Recording in Oakland.

Saturday December 4

Studio 1510 • 8pm \$10-20
T.D. Skatchit & Company East Bay CD Release
Show - A celebration featuring guests from the
new CD Skatch Migartion on Edgetone Records.
Tom Nunn & David Michalak play Skatchboxes in
trio's with: Gino Robair - "Energized Surfaces",
Ron Heglin -Voice, Tim Perkis - Electronics, Jacob
Felix Heule - Percussion and Scott Looney - Piano
There will be five short sets and a finale with all 7
musicians.

Sunday December 5

The Lab • 12pm \$5
GodWaffle Pancake Noise Show
Harsh Marsh (Bob Marsh, guitar) and a bunch of
others making noise and eating pancakes

Li Po Cocktail Lounge • 9pm \$5
A night of experimental music and film with Zachary
James Watkins, Kenneth Atchley and film maker
John Reily with soundtracks by Lars Hidde and
Charles Kremenak.

Monday December 6

Mama Buzz Cafe • 7pm donation
KEY WEST free jazz improv (sax/drum/cello/cello/
upright bass/gigantar) 7pm Rent Romus & Bob
Marsh (sax/cello) 8pm

Makeout Room • 8pm free
PATRICK CRESS' TELEPATHY: Patrick Cress,
saxophones + compositions / Aaron Novik, bass
clarinet / Sam Bevan, bass / Jeff Marrs, drums
:: ARAM SHELTON GROUP: Aram Shelton,
saxophone + compositions / Doug Stuart, bass /
Michael Coleman, wurlitzer / Jordan Glenn & Sam
Ospovat, drums :: HOWARD WILEY GROUP

Tuesday December 7

Tuesdays at Tom's Place • 7:30pm donation
Cheryl Leonard

Wednesday December 8

Meridian Gallery • 7:30pm \$10/5
Meridian Music presents an evening featuring the
compositions of local saxophonist Jon Raskin.
Featuring the following musicians in groupings
ranging from solo to large ensemble: Steve
Adams, Bruce Ackley, Tony Dryer, Tara Flandreau,
Bob Marsh, Ava Mendoza, Kanoko Nishi, Kjell
Nordeson, Hillary Overberg, Emily Packard, Tim
Perkis, Gino Robair, Jonathan Segel, Roham
Shaikhani, Agnes Szelag, and Sara Jo Zaharako.

Thursday December 9

Luggage Store New Music Series • 8pm \$6-10
Outsound Presents SoundSpeak - a series
presenting pairings of sound and voice artists 8:10
TBA, 8:40 Jim Ryan/Doug Carroll - Words, Birds,
Flute, & Cello, 9:20
Gusty Winds May Exist (Tom Bickley & Nancy
Beckman)

Friday December 10

Studio 1510 • 8pm \$10/8
ENDANGERED BLOOD - Quartet w/ Chris Speed,
Oscar Noriega, Trevor Dunn, and Jim Black. **Only
Bay Area Show!** Opening trio w/ Scott R. Looney,
Doug Stuart and Kjell Nordeson

Subterranean Arthouse • 8pm \$5-10
Host Family (Conklin/Evangelista/Glenn/Hoopes)
celebrates the release of its new album, "Dream
Recess," with original scores performed live to films
by Buster Keaton and the Brothers Quay. Opening
set by Shatter (Grabmiller/Greenlief/Djill/Perkis/
Shiurba/Stackpole).

Sunday December 12

SIMM Series • 7:30pm \$10/8
7:30PM Tri-Cornered Tent Show featuring Toni Pope
from San Diego
8:30PM Josh Allen/Henry Kaiser/William Winant trio

Tuesday December 14

Kingman's Ivy Room • 9pm free
Three sets starting at 9pm 1)Sabbaticus Rex w/
Karen Stackpole & Cornelius Boots 2)Forward
Energy w/Jim Ryan sax&flute, Rent Romus sax,
Scott R. Looney piano, Eric Marshall db,& Tim Orr
drums 3) The Grimy Interiors w/Darren Johnston
trumpet, Myles Boisen guitar, & John Hanes drums.

Thursday December 16

Luggage Store New Music Series • 8pm \$6-10
Full Moon Concert Series: Long Night's Moon
8:00 PM: DroneShift: a 2 hour drone featuring many
artists

Saturday December 18

Trinity Chapel • 8pm \$15 general/\$10 Senior,
Disabled, Student
Trinity Chamber Concerts presents an evening
of works by Polly Moller, a composer, performer
and improviser based in Oakland. The evening
will focus on her composed works, improvisation
frameworks and sound-art rituals, including
Genesis for twelve improvisers, Penelope for solo
piccolo, and The Flip Quartet.

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face of human reason.
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Monday December 20

Kingman's Ivy Room • 9pm free
The Ivy Room and Evander Music Present The
Living Jazz Series, featuring The Holly Martins:
Kasey Knudsen- alto sax, Eric Vogler- guitar, and
Lorin Benedict- voice

Thursday December 23

Luggage Store New Music Series • 8pm \$6-10
Twas the dark ambient which calls the night birds...
Duos with Conure featuring: Phillip Greenlief,
featuring: Phillip Greenlief, Rent Romus, Karl
Alfonso Evangelista, Bob Marsh and more tba

Thursday December 30

Luggage Store New Music Series • 8pm \$6-10
8pm Key West
9pm Josh Allen/Henry Kaiser duo

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853 Valencia Street, San Francisco

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Berkeley Art Museum and Pacific Film Archive
2626 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Community Music Center
544 Capp Street, San Francisco

First Presbyterian Church of Oakland
2619 Broadway Oakland

Ivy Room
860 San Pablo Avenue, Albany

The Lab
2948 16th Street, San Francisco

Luggage Store Gallery
1007 Market Street, San Francisco [at 6th]

Makeout Room
22nd Street, San Francisco [at Mission]

Mama Buzz Cafe
2318 Telegraph Avenue, Oakland [at 23rd]

Meridian Gallery
535 Powell Street, San Francisco

Musicians Union Hall
116 9th Street, San Francisco [at Mission]
NOTA THE MILK BAR at The Biscuit Factory
81st and San Leandro, Oakland
Old First Church
1751 Sacramento Street, San Francisco

Red Poppy Art House
2698 Folsom, San Francisco

San Francisco Conservatory of Music
50 Oak Street, San Francisco

SFMOMA
151 3rd Street, San Francisco

Subterranean Arthouse
2179 Bancroft Way, Berkeley

Studio 1510
1510 8th Street, Oakland

Tom's Place
3111 Deakin Street, Berkeley

Trinity Chapel
2320 Dana Street, Berkeley

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts
701 Mission Street, San Francisco [at 3rd]

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510 Embarcadero, West Oakland



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