

*"As of Yet"*

**THE ANDRÉ CANNIERE GROUP'S DEBUT RECORDING**

**The André Canniere Group**, formed in early 2005, has been creating a storm in New York's modern jazz scene. They perform challenging yet accessible music full of evocative harmonic explorations and complex rhythms, complemented by thoughtful improvisation. Much of the music, all of which is composed by Canniere, is rooted in jazz, but also draws heavily upon other genres including pop, classical and folk music. This first album is the culmination of the group's first year together, and includes live as well as studio recordings. It is currently available at CD Baby, Tower Records and iTunes.

The members of this New York City based group first met while studying at the Eastman School of Music in Rochester, NY. Trumpet player André Canniere moved to New York in 2003, and was focused on finding a group of like-minded musicians. Since the other four members of the group (**JOSH RUTNER**, tenor sax; **RYAN FERREIRA**, guitar; **IKE STURM**, bass; **TED POOR**, drums) had also moved to the city, Canniere jumped at the opportunity to bring them all together. Commenting on the other members of the band, Canniere said:

"These guys are, as far as I'm concerned, the best of our generation; musicians of the highest level. Each of them brings strong musical ideas to the group, allowing us to grow and develop each piece. I write the music for the group, but as we learn it, each composition becomes infused with the others' contributions; the sound is developed and honed through their individual styles and their phenomenal and unique performance skills".

Since their formation, the group has been entertaining large and enthusiastic audiences regularly in and around New York City, with performances in venues that include *The Knitting Factory*, *Jimmy's 43*, *Kavehaz*, *CBGB's* and *The C-Note*. The group is currently planning US and European tours for summer, 2007.

To find out more about André Canniere and the group, please visit:

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## Member Bios

**André Canniere** moved to New York City in the fall of 2003 and is now performing and recording with a wide range of musicians in several different ensembles. He has performed with some of New York's most respected jazz musicians including the Maria Schneider Jazz Orchestra, Donny McCaslin, Ben Monder, Ingrid Jensen, Rich Perry, Chris Potter and Jeff Ballard. André graduated from the Eastman School of Music in 2003 where he received a Master's Degree in Jazz Performance.

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**Josh Rutner** received his degree in jazz performance and contemporary media from Eastman in 2003. He is a member of the Respect Sextet which has two critically acclaimed recordings and has performed at major jazz festivals in Rochester and Toronto. Josh currently lives in New York City where he freelances as a saxophonist.

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**Ryan Ferreira** grew up in Santa Rosa California. At 18 he left to study at the Eastman School of Music and in the fall of 2003 he moved to Brooklyn. Since moving to the city he has been involved with several different projects including playing guitar on 2 tracks for Universal Records(harpist K), recording sessions at Linden Oaks, mixing a Jerseyband tune, and appearing in Frankfurt and Zurich as a soloist with the HR Big Band.

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**Ike Sturm** graduated from Eastman in 2003 and is now living and working in New York as a bassist and composer. He has performed with Gene Bertocini, Bobby McFerrin, Maria Schneider, Kenny Wheeler and the Rochester Philharmonic Orchestra. He has played on four "Downbeat" award-winning recordings as well as composer Steve Reich's most recent chamber music releases on Canteloupe and Nonesuch records. In June of 2003, he performed on albums with Ben Monder and Rich Perry.

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**Ted Poor** graduated from the Eastman School of Music in 2003 where he earned his BM in Jazz Performance and studied drum set with Rich Thompson and percussion with John Beck. Now a resident of New York City, Ted performs, records and tours with Ben Monder, Cuong Vu, Bill Frisell, Chris Potter and Ralph Alessi. He is also a member of several other Eastman formed groups including Jerseyband, the Respect Sextet and Neos.

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