

# The Sam Leak Trio

*'a truly exciting and developmental player'* - Gerard Presencer



**Sam Leak - Piano**  
**James Opstad - Double Bass**  
**David Hamblett - Drums**

**The Sam Leak Trio formed in the Autumn of 2007 and have since gained gigs at a host of venues including the 606 Club, The Space, The Polish Jazz Café and The Others. They are already beginning to make their mark on the London Jazz Scene, and are currently preparing to record an album to be produced by pianist Tom Cawley. They mainly play original music composed by every member. All three members are current students at the Royal Academy Of Music.**

**Sam Leak (22) is pianist in the trio. He has performed with a number of the most exciting players in UK jazz today including Jim Hart, Gareth Lochrane, Anita Wardell and Mornington Lockett, and has played at venues including Ronnie Scotts and the 606 club. He was a semi-finalist in the 2008 Nottingham National Jazz Piano competition for solo pianists, and he performed at the 2008 Glastonbury Music Festival. He has appeared as a sideman on two albums (Rom D. Collective - "London Evolution" and The Jazz Funk Collective - "A Dummy's Guide To Jazz"). He is a current student of Gwilym Simcock and has had master classes with pianists John Taylor and Jason Moran.**





**James Opstad is bass player in the trio. Despite being just 20 he has already played with many of the most respected UK jazz musicians today, including Stan Sulzmann, Liam Noble and Mark Lockheart. He is also featured on albums by both Jon Opstad and South African pianist Nishlyn Ramanna. Besides being a bass player, James is also a composer and was highly commended in the BBC/Guardian Composition Competition for three consecutive years. He was overall winner of the 2004 EPTA Composition Competition.**

**David Hamblett is drummer in the trio. Aged 20, he has played at two consecutive IAJE jazz festivals in L.A. and New York, as well as at most of the major UK Jazz venues. He has played with a number of highly regarded musicians including Stan Sulzmann, Joe Locke, Steve Wilson, Toni Kofi, Alex Wilson and Alan Barnes.**



*Sam with Joe Lovano*

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