

Tony Gould Paul Grabowsky Paul Williamson Andrea Keller Marc Hannaford

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Jazz trumpeter Paul Williamson has established a pattern of producing distinctive recordings that exhibit outstanding ensemble performances and idiosyncratic compositions.

The release of his 8th album, **Connect Four**, epitomises this approach.

Connect Four features a series of duets with iconic Australian jazz pianists, all of whom Williamson cites an ongoing musical and personal connection with, Tony Gould, Paul Grabowsky, Andrea Keller and Marc Hannaford. These four pianists provide inspiration for the compositions and the catalyst for the Connect Four project.

Williamson's strength in producing music that has the ability to take listeners on a musical journey layered with engaging themes, improvised dialogues and the interaction of complementary individual conceptions is demonstrated here to stunning effect. It is music designed to reach beyond jazz formulas, whilst remaining grounded within the diverse traditions of jazz and improvised music.

The distinctive, individual voices and the resulting music on Connect Four is truly mesmerising.

Paul Williamson has performed alongside international jazz artists at festivals and venues across the United States, Europe, Asia and Australia. He was active on the European jazz scene whilst based in Dublin, performing with Bill Carothers, Dave Liebman, Reggie Washington, Paul Wertico, Ronan Guilfoyle and Lindsay Horner. His recent performances include collaborations with Charlie Haden, John Abercrombie, the Australian Art Orchestra, Hermeto Pascoal and Aaron Goldberg, as well as his own projects including the Paul Williamson Quartet and Inside Out. In addition to a recording career, Williamson is busy as a performer and educator; a lecturer in jazz and faculty member at the esteemed Sir Zelman Cowan School of Music at Monash University, which produces some of Australia's finest jazz musicians.



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