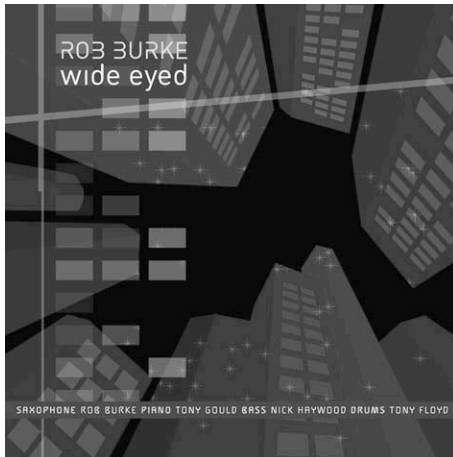


ROB BURKE QUARTET

ROB BURKE, TONY GOULD, NICK HAYWOOD & TONY FLOYD



WIDE EYED

Rob Burke has been playing with Tony Gould, Tony Floyd and Nick Haywood for over 20 years. The result is a dynamic quartet which boasts immensely strong musical understanding and exhilarating freedom. The Rob Burke Quartet play both originals and jazz standards influenced by their own cultural and social 'backyard'. They have created an innovative and uniquely Australian style of improvised music.

Tony Gould sets the scene which allows the rest of the group to create compositions that exemplify the melodic quality of Rob Burke on saxophones and alto clarinet, Tony Floyd's drums and Nick Haywood's bass.

'This is music I love to play with my friends because of their honesty and their freedom to create music. Importantly, this CD is about a group of musicians expressing their collective emotions and ideas at the moment of performance. Our goals do not include preconceived agendas and formulas, just spontaneity and simply – improvisation.' Rob Burke

Wide Eyed is the Rob Burke Quartet's first release.

Rob Burke (Saxophones & Alto Clarinet) is classically trained but his main focus has been in the jazz and rock fields of music. He has studied extensively with the likes of Dave Liebman, George Garzone and George Coleman in New York. Rob has performed and composed on over 100 CDs including Kate Ceberano (8 years including writing a top 10 hit) and Joe Camilleri and the 'Black Sorrows'. Rob has released a two duet records with Tony Gould titled 'Gateway' and 'A Tin Roof for the Rain'. Rob also is the leader of a groove band called 'Dodge', which released a CD in 2000-titled 'Offline'. Rob currently is co-ordinator of jazz/popular music at Monash University and also teaches saxophone and jazz studies at the VCA.

Tony Gould (Piano) is one of Australia's most respected jazz pianists. Apart from working with the likes of John Sangster, Brian Brown, Don Burrows, Alan Lee and Graeme Lyall, he has performed with several international artists (including Mark Murphy, Clark Terry and Erntine Anderson). He has also made many CDs of his own music including 'Lyric' (Newmarket). Tony has a Doctorate of Philosophy and is currently head of music at the VCA Melbourne.

Nick Haywood (Bass) has performed with Rob and the two Tony's for over 10 years. He has performed with Mark Murphy, Billy Harper, Louis Bellson, Jerry Bergonzi, Buddy de Franco, Junior Cook and Nat Adderly to name just a few of the many international artists. Nick has also performed with numerous Australian Jazz artists including Vince Jones, James Morrison, Don Burrows, Dale Barlow and Joe Camilleri. Nick is the co-leader of the trio Browne, Haywood, Stevens which has released two CD's, the most recent through ABC.

Tony Floyd (Drummer) is one of the 'in demand' drummers on the Australian music scene having performed with many outstanding Australian and International artists including Vince Jones, Things of Stone and Wood, The Black Sorrows, Men At Work, Debra Conway, Christine Sullivan (Ronnie Scotts), Vincent Herring, Lee Konitz, Paul Grabowsky, Kate Ceberano and Eartha Kitt.



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