

Excess Luggage

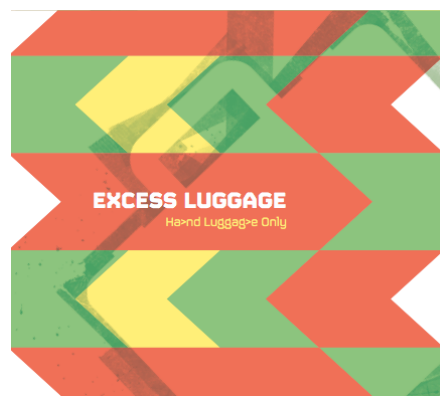
“Hand Luggage only”

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Vigleik Storaas - Piano
Steinar Nickelsen - B3 Organ
Håkon Mjåset Johansen - Drums

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Excess Luggage released their debut album “Excess Luggage” in 2008 and have since toured extensively with their heavy instruments. Both carrying techniques and the musicianship has improved during these three years with heavy luggage. The band now present itself with more musical confidence, safely packed in the hand luggage to avoid any incidents like lost or delayed luggage. Excess Luggage does have a special line up. Piano, organ and drums are not only among the most heavy trio instrumentation you can think of, but also a musically unusual and inspiring format. Being able to combine the groovy feel of the B3 organ with the harmonic possibilities of the piano you would think that this set up should be more common. Hopefully this band can make it become more common.

With the release of “Hand Luggage Only” the band wants to shows concert- and festival organizers around the world that they know how to get around without paying high excess luggage fees. And of course presenting the new material to their fans and audiences. The new CD consists of 5 new tunes written by organist Nickelsen, 2 tunes by pianist Storaas as well as the standard tune “If I Should Lose You”. These are all tunes and arrangement that have developed on the road while touring in Europe and Asia. “Annoying You” presents an annoying but enjoyable melody, Kunming was written and performed in the city in China with the same name. “Jimmy’s Thai Kitchen” was written after the concert at this Thai restaurant in Beijing. “Corrupted Mirror” did first seem like a puzzle as the band couldn’t figure out what time signature they played in, but they show on this recording that it is possible to travel without worrying about at what exact time the flight is.

Vigleik Storaas: One of Norway’s most important jazz pianists. Have won 2 norwegian Grammys (“Spellemansprisen”) and played with international stars as Karin Krogh, Terje Rypdal, NHØP, Chet Baker, Jack DeJohnette, Warne Marsh

Steinar Nickelsen: Was elected “Young Norwegian jazz musician of the year” in 2002 with the band “Solid!”. Have also lived and played extensively in Denmark and Asia. Know from “Pål Thowsen Trio”, Jupiter, Peloton. Have also played with “Trondheim Jazz orchestra” featuring Pat Metheny.

Håkon Mjåset Johansen: Was at a young age established as one of Norway’s leading drummers with the norwegian Grammy winning band “Urban Connection”. Have played with Chick Corea, Michael Brecker, Jan Garbarek, Bobby McFerrin, Motif, IPA