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Baptiste Trotignon

Biography

Born in Paris in 1974, Baptiste Trotignon is obviously one of the most talented jazzman of his generation.

After a few years learning classical piano at the « Conservatoire de Nantes » and practicing jazz on its own, he finally gave up classical at the age of 16 to focus on jazz, and started to perform live with his first band. In 1995, he entered the very selective jazz class of the French Conservatoire National Supérieur. From 1996, playing in many festivals in France and abroad, he got to know the most famous players of his time.

In 1998, he started his own trio with Clovis Nicolas (double bass) and Tony Rabeson (drums). He released with them two albums, **Fluide** in 2000 and **Sightseeing** in 2001, both of them getting largely rewarded. He is only 28 years old and progressively stepped into the world of top world jazz performers. Playing more solo or with his trio than as a sideman, he traveled from festival to festival (Montreux, Montréal, Vancouver, Nice...). In 2002, he received the "French Revelation of the Year" award at the French Victoires de la Musique Jazz (equivalent to the Grammy awards).

Baptiste Trotignon will release this year a new album, **solo**, alone with his piano and playing only his own music.

International development

Fluide, **Sightseeing** are being distributed by our usual partners everywhere in Europe. So will be **Solo**. The two first albums are licensed in Canada by *Effendi* (distributed by SRI) and in Japan by *Sawano*. Both partners are eager to carry on the adventure with **Solo**.

Stage Schedule for spring/summer 2003

Trotignon has numerous scene projects in 2003:

He will play with the frères Moutin for many dates around France and for their USA concerts before recording a disc together in New York.

Trotignon and Moutin tour highlights:

- 27/28/29 mars : duc des lombards, Paris
- 5 avril : Europa jazz at the Mans (France)
- 25 mai : San-Francisco Jazz Festival

Trotignon solo and trio:

- 17 mai : Radio-France (Paris) - solo
- 26th - 30th June : Montréal - solo
- 13 juillet : Montreux Jazz Festival - trio

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« Fluide » Y 225099, June 2000

« Sightseeing » Y 226182, October 2001

« Solo » Y 226210, to be released in March 2003

Trotignon's rewards:

1996 : Concours National de Jazz de la Défense (for solist musicians) :
second seeded

2001 : Disque Choc given to Sightseeing by *Jazzman*

2001 : Django d'Or with Fluide “Espoir pour un 1er disque ” (best first
album)

2001 : Prix Django Reinhardt given by the Académie du Jazz “Best jazz artist of the
year”

2003 : Victoires de la Musique Jazz “French revelation of the year”