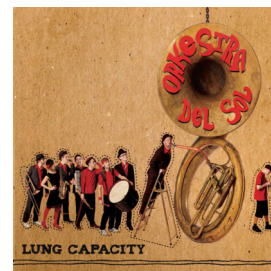


ORKESTRA DEL SOL
NEW ALBUM 'LUNG CAPACITY' + full UK Tour
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Lung Capacity is the third album by Edinburgh 9-piece **Orkestra del Sol**, whose explosive reinvention of global brass band music has been capturing imaginations internationally for over six years. The band begin a full UK tour on **14th April** at **Dingwalls** in Camden, including dates at **Glasgow Art School** on **April 15th**, **Edinburgh's Liquid Room** on **April 16th**, **Brighton Komedia** on **11th May**, **Cambridge Junction** on **18th May**, and **The Met** in **Bury** on **June 3rd** (full tour dates below).

Orkestra del Sol is very much a live experience, as anyone who has seen their inventive performances will testify. With a line up of trumpet, trombone, saxes, clarinet, sousaphone, accordion and two drummers, and vast experience performing at prestigious street arts festivals internationally, Orkestra del Sol's shows are legendary, full of virtuosic musicianship, wit and energy. It is always a challenge to reproduce something of this onto CD, but **Lung Capacity** rises to this challenge and conquers it head on.

Eight of the nine band members take writing credits on the album, making it a truly collaborative piece of work. With overall creative direction from sousaphone player and musical director Marcus Britton and production skills provided by Joe Acheson (Hidden Orchestra – TruThoughts Recordings), Orkestra del Sol have created an extraordinary album, brimming with joyous anarchic energy and wonderful musical arrangements, whilst retaining an artful attention to detail.

With a collective experience spanning jazz, classical, world, electronic and dance music, **Lung Capacity** is an ingenious concoction of styles that works on many levels, from the serious musicianship on display to the sheer exuberance of the overall sound. There are many highlights, including the afro-latin breakbeat of *El Malandro*, the exotic dubstep of *Boney Kit Steppa*, and the genre-defining *This is Honkstep* (the answer to the much asked question *just what style of music is this?*). *What Do We Do Now?* balances out the high energy of the rest of the album with its laid back Havana sunset vibe, whilst *The Doppert Effect* showcases the not inconsiderable talents of trumpet player Philip Cardwell - the added Spike Jones-inspired percussion courtesy of Mat Clements creates a polka-style number that is guaranteed to get the dance-floor going, and raise a smile in the process.

With its romping eleven original tracks, **Lung Capacity** delivers on every level - even down to energy and joy that make Orkestra del Sol's live shows so memorable. With a shared passion for brass band music from all corners of the globe, comparisons have been made to the virtuosic wedding bands of Eastern Europe, the suave street bands of the US and the rebellious brass bands of Latin America. Theirs however, is a truly exceptional sound and **Lung Capacity** is a refreshingly original album that will find fans in many places.

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LUNG CAPACITY TOUR DATES

Thurs 7 April – PAISLEY TOWN HALL
www.renfrewshire.gov.uk / 0141 887 1010

Fri 8 April – BIRNAM ARTS CENTRE
www.birnaminstitute.com / 01350 727674

Thurs 14 April – LONDON - DINGWALLS, CAMDEN
www.dingwalls.com / 0207 428 5929

Fri 15 April – GLASGOW – BALKANARAMA! @ THE ART SCHOOL
<http://theartschool.co.uk/>

Sat 16 April – EDINBURGH - BALKANARAMA! @ LIQUID ROOM
www.liquidroom.com

Fri 29 April – KNOYDART FESTIVAL
www.knoydartfestival.com / 01687 460113

Sat 7 May – DONCASTER - HOTHOUSE FESTIVAL LAUNCH

Mon 9 May – NORFOLK & NORWICH FESTIVAL - SPIEGELTENT
<http://nnf11.nnfestival.org.uk/>

Weds 11 May – BRIGHTON - KOMEDIA
www.komedia.co.uk / 0845 293 8480

Thurs 12 May – FROME - CHEESE & GRAIN
www.cheeseandgrain.co.uk / 01373 455 420

Fri 13 May – OXFORD - BOSSAPHONIK @ THE CELLAR
www.bossaphonik.com

Sat 14 May – IPSWICH - THE MANOR BALLROOM
01473 295900

Weds 18 May – CAMBRIDGE - THE JUNCTION
www.junction.co.uk / 01223 511511

Sat 21 May – DUMFRIES & GALLOWAY ARTS FESTIVAL

Tues 31 May – BRISTOL - THE CROFT
<http://www.the-croft.com/whats-on>

Fri 3 June – BURY - THE MET
www.themet.com / 0161 761 2216

Sat 4 June – BLAIRGOWRIE - stART FESTIVAL
www.startfestival.org.uk

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