

Tim Chernikoff Releases Debut Trio Album "Pieces of Sanity"

(September 24, 2021)

New York City-based pianist Tim Chernikoff presents his **debut album of original music** and arrangements for **Jazz piano trio**, in an exciting collaboration with brilliant **NYC-residing** musicians **Kenneth Salters** and **Jakob Dreyer**.

In "**Pieces of Sanity**," Chernikoff presents a culmination of compositional evolution spanning over 15 years and taking place on 3 distinct regions of the United States landmass. With works taking **inspiration** from the likes of **Miles Davis**, **Tigran Hamasyan**, **Frank Zappa** and **Cecil Taylor** among **many others**, Chernikoff has developed a compositional and improvisational palette that takes the listener through a **deeply rhythmic and rhapsodic journey** into the life of the mind, navigating emotions ranging from joy to sorrow, relief, trepidation, irritation, sarcastic irony, crassness and even comic relief.

About his mix of material, Chernikoff comments: "I wanted to span a **wide gamut of emotions and attitudes**, as well as find the things I held most true, both in the information of my experiences and from **absorbing the works of my jazz heroes and the American Songbook**. This music came out of a struggle to **keep myself sane** throughout my musical upbringing and transition into adulthood, always **thousands of miles** from my home yet still in the **same supposed country**."

Tim migrated across the United States from his hometown in the **Bay Area California**, to **North Texas** in 2007 and later **New York City** in 2011, to pursue the development of his **improvisational concept**, after displaying **significant promise** as a young pianist in his high school and early college years in **Palo Alto, California**. Throughout his **15-year journey** towards a **full length album** recording, he formed an ability to fuse **fire-and-brimstone musical training** at **North Texas University**, with the **Redwood-rooted intellectual curiosity** he found in the **Stanford Bay Area Peninsula**, meeting the sun-hot New York scene in full force with an arsenal of tools to be fully forged after ten years in the **Big Apple**.

"Pieces of Sanity" is a **pit stop in the studio** at the end of a 15-year **musical odyssey**, a recipe for the **edification of human beings** living through the 21st century. Every performance is a brand new iteration of that journey, **made whole by the contributions** of his bandmates **Salters** and **Dreyer**.

The release date is scheduled for **September 24, 2021**, and will be followed by a **release show** and **touring**, as venues open up after the **Coronavirus** Pandemic subsides. **15% of proceeds** from album sales will go directly towards **pandemic assistance**.

Credits

Producers - Tim Chernikoff, David Murphy III/IV and Family

Recorded by Dave Staller at **Samurai Hotel Recording Studio** in Queens, NYC

Mixing - Christopher Allen; **Mastering** - Nate Wood;

Editing, Artwork Design- Tim Chernikoff



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Track Listing

1. Before You Ask [Chernikoff] - 8:46
2. Tomorrow's Season [Chernikoff] - 10:15
3. Orbits [W. Shorter] - 7:43
4. I Got a Box [Chernikoff] - 2:49
5. How it Goes [Chernikoff] - 6:46
6. Shores of Nazare [Chernikoff] - 7:12
7. Hung Jury [Chernikoff] - 6:45
8. Trump Dump [C. Corea] - 6:45
9. We'll Keep Meeting Till We Die [Rodgers/Hart] - 6:09
10. Room For One More [Chernikoff] - 8:42

Total Time: 71:57

Lineup

Tim Chernikoff - Piano

Jakob Dreyer - Bass

Kenneth Salters - Drums

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