

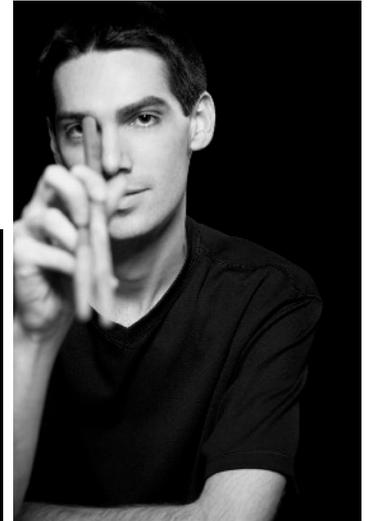
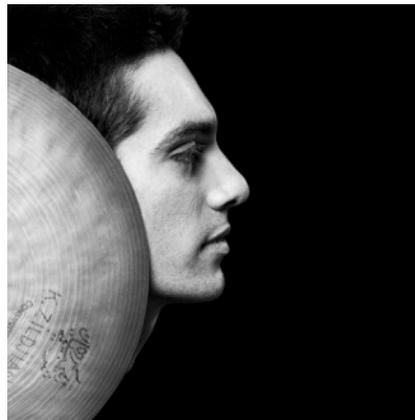
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After enchanting live audiences in the northeast (Easthampton Jazz Festival, Vermont Jazz Center, Readsboro Arts Festival, Beekman Arts Festival), News From Planet Kniffen is excited to present their debut studio album “Dreamland.”

Heavy grooves, soaring melodies, and dreamy soundscapes make News From Planet Kniffen’s debut album “Dreamland” a wonderfully rich musical experience. In “Dreamland,” the listener is invited to embark on a musical journey through mystery, passion, tranquility, and hope.

Darryl Kniffen, the mastermind behind News From Planet Kniffen, describes the debut effort “Dreamland” as “an opportunity to enter a musical world. A world of beauty, complexity, and mystery.” Darryl Kniffen and his group of all-star musicians have created a new sound with “Dreamland” that is distinct and exciting. The opening track “Blackness” has a raw, powerful energy and groove that just won’t quit. The second track “Peace Journey” dances through exciting, celebratory peaks and reflective, peaceful valleys. The singular ballad “Midnight Drive” is dreamy, hypnotic and spiritual in nature. The high-energy “Tick Tock” captures the fast-paced, frenetic energy of life through clock-like ostinatos and wild flights of improvisation.

“When taken as a whole, Kniffen’s music achieves a naturally balanced panorama that carefully juxtaposes, danceable grooves with dreamy landscapes, intense bebop-influenced instrumental outbursts with mind-calming pads. Kniffen’s music is a manifestation of joy and deep reflection and it deserves to be heard.” -Eugene Uman, Vermont Jazz Center

Release Date: April 27, 2018

Track Listing

1. **Blackness**
2. **Peace Journey**
3. Back in Black
4. Tick Tock
5. Midnight Drive
6. Inspiration
7. Beautiful Mystery
8. Dreamland
9. Song of Everest

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