

See Through Trio

Media Review

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SEE THROUGH TRIO ★★★★★

Our Own Devices Independent

Toronto's See Through Trio is all about interaction. Without a standard rhythm section, or sometimes even any chordal foundation, there's an ambiguous pulse to the music. Their debut *Our Own Devices* demands a certain amount of attention from the listener. But all efforts are well rewarded as Tania Gill, Mark Laver and Pete Johnston (formerly of Johnny Favourite) extract sounds from every inch of their respective piano, alto sax and double bass for an endlessly inventive and entirely inclusive group improvisation. Both exploiting and deconstructing a traditional-sounding repertoire primarily made up of Johnston compositions, See Through Trio delightfully disrupt their tendencies towards Radio 2-ishness with healthy doses of the abstract. **CB**