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TRIOS...Jason Rigby: One, Vela: Wandering

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Tenor saxist Jason Rigby boasts a big and beefy sound, not unlike vintage Rollins and Coltrane, and he uses it well in the trio format with Cameron Brown/b and Gerald Cleaver/dr. The team can go both free and intricate as the saxist delivers a thick tone on "Dorian Gray" while Cleaver produces a busy undercurrent on the molten "Newtoon." He delivers a rich solo aria

during the intro to "Embraceable You" and gets some "tarnish fire burning as he performs a 3 legged race with Brown on "Live By The Sword." Breaking the mold, a duet with Cleaver has Rigby's tenor thick as molasses on "Dive Bar," and when switching to soprano, he floats over Brown's lithe bass and Cleaver's pulsating ride cymbal on Herbie Hancock's "Speak Like a Child." Muscle with a heart.

The trio Vela consists of cellist Aino Juutilainen along with pianist Esben Hojlund and drummer Anders Vestergaard for a mix of moods and tones. Juutilainen's cello strums along with Hojlund's dreamy piano on "Prelude," leading into a cymbal groove for the eery "Lake." High pitched bass work on the bow creates a dramatic "Branch" while spacious piano fingerings make up "Grannies & Seagulls." Horn like calls create long shadows on the sunset of "Morgen" and the team gets melancholy for Hojlund's contemplative piano on "Mirror." Moonlight and sonatas.

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<http://www.allmusictelevision.net/#!/the-jazz-creative-tv/qu3rp>

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EVERY TUESDAY-JOHN PISANO'S GUITAR NIGHT IN BURBANK. THIS MONTH'S GUEST LIST INCLUDING JIM FOX IS AT WWW.VIVACANTINA.COM

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JULY 8 PAT MARTINO LEADS A B3 COMBO. INFO AT WWW.JAZZBAKERY.ORG

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JULY 26-27 BUDDY GUY BLUESES UP THE WEST VALLEY & LA. INFO AT WWW.CANYONCLUB.NET

JULY 26 GROOVE LEGACY HITS THE POTATO. INFO AT WWW.THEBAKEDPOTATO.COM

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AUG 4 QUINCY JONES PRESENTS ELI TEPLIN. INFO AT WWW.THEBROADSTAGE.ORG

AUG 9-10 LEGENDARY BASSIST MICHAEL HENDERSON HITS LA. INFO AT WWW.CATALINAJAZZCLUB.COM

AUG 11-12 DIANA KRALL COOS IN THE BOWL. INFO AT WWW.HOLLYWOODBOWL.COM

AUG 16 ALAN BROADBENT'S TRIO COMES TO LA. INFO AT WWW.JAZZBAKERY.ORG

SEPT 1 JUDY COLLINS AND STEPHEN STILLS REUNITE. INFO AT WWW.SABANCONCERTS.COM

SEPT 15 DEE DEE BRIDGWATER DOES MEMPHIS IN SB. INFO AT WWW.LOBERO.COM

SEPT 17 LEO KOTTKE PICKS AND GRINS IN SB. INFO AT WWW.LOBERO.COM

OCT 1-15 THE ANGEL CITY JAZZ FEST RETURNS, INCLUDING DE DE BRIDGWATER, BEN MONDER, CRAID TABORN, JEFF PARKER AND MOST OTHER PEOPLE DO THE KILLING. INFO

AT WWW.ANGELCITYJAZZ.COM

OCT 28 BRAD MEHLDAU COMES TO SB. INFO AT WWW.LOBERO.COM

NOV 13 ROBERT CRAY BLUESES UP SB. INFO AT WWW.LOBERO.COM

NOV 30 ANAT COHEN TENTET COMES TO CSUN. INFO AT
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