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Drop Trio releases new live album, *Cezanne*

Acoustic album highlights the trio's musical synergy

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Texas-based group Drop Trio are set to release their latest album, a live recording from Houston's award winning jazz club, Cezanne's. Recorded in an acoustic setting with an overflow crowd, the album shows off the group's kinetic interplay.

"We're excited about the album," says drummer Nuje Blattel. "It was an edge-of-your-seat kind of night, and that really comes across in this recording."

Drop Trio (Nuje Blattel, drums; Patrick Flanagan, bass; Ian Varley, keyboards) formed in the fall of 2002, playing original music with a jazz sensibility. Within three short years, the band had two South by Southwest showcases, two studio releases, six Houston Press Awards, and hundreds of live shows across the southern U.S. under their belts. *Cezanne* is the band's third release.

"Early on, we got in the habit of recording our live shows and releasing them to fans," says bassist Patrick Flanagan. "This was one of our most spontaneous, adventurous shows to date, so we figured, why not make it more widely available?"

New songs on the album include "Luna," a reggae-influenced piece written on stage in San Antonio; "L.U.G.," a mixed-meter funk opus; and "Shelby," an explosive non-linear swing tune. The album also includes interpretations of two songs from their improvised studio album *Leap*, and extended treatments of six songs from their first album, *Big Dipper*.

"We spend most of our time playing electric, so it was great to play a heavily acoustic show," says Varley. "Playing at Cezanne's on the grand piano brings out an organic vibe in these tunes, and shows the unity we've achieved as a group."

The album, which runs just over 76 minutes, was recorded by Kirk Madden and mixed by John Griffin at Sugarhill Studios, where the band produced their first two releases, *Big Dipper* (2003) and *Leap* (2004). The album was mastered by Allen Corneau at Essential Sound in Houston. Beaumont photographer John Fulbright provided the gorgeous photography of *Cezanne's* for the artwork.

Cezanne will be released on October 25, 2005. It will be available in independent record stores across Texas, and online through the band's web site.

For information about the band, and upcoming CD release shows, visit droptrio.com.