

JOONAS HAAVISTO TRIO

" World-class trio from Europe. " Jazz Perspective

Joonas Haavisto is one of the most notable jazz musicians from the Nordic jazz scene. He joined the world-famous Steinway Artist roster in 2017. Joonas has played as a soloist with chamber orchestras and big bands and leads his group Joonas Haavisto Trio, which released their fifth album Offshore in 2019. The trio has performed worldwide in venues like Tokyo Jazz Festival, Nottingham Royal Concert Hall, Jazzahead!, Les Boréales Festival and Pori Jazz Festival.

In his compositions, Haavisto combines memorable themes with multilayered, surprising rhythmic motifs and sophisticated harmonies. Joonas tells about the latest album: " If someone asked me, where is my home I'd answer it is by the sea. This album (Offshore) is about the opportunity, infinity, safety, connection, enormous power and calmness which are delivered to us by the sea." Joonas has also composed music for various groups from the trio to big bands. In 2016 he composed and played the piano music for The Happiest Day in the Life of Olli Mäki movie, which won the Un Certain Regard Prize at the Cannes Film Festival.

Joonas Haavisto Trio has been playing together for over ten years. It has been said that "the trio's real thrill lies in its unique balance and those breathtaking moments in their nuanced playing" (CD Journal, Feb 2016). Joonas Haavisto Trio unites three stellar musicians from the Finnish jazz scene. Antti Lötjönen is one of the busiest bass players in Finland and has already toured with Jeff "Tain" Watts and Kurt Rosenwinkel. Drummer Joonas Riippa is known for his imaginative style. He plays in groups led by Jimi Tenor, Kalle Kalima and Mikko Innanen.

Press quotes

" Joonas Haavisto is one of the most talented pianists of his generation. " DER SPIEGEL

" World-class trio from Europe. " Jazz Perspective

" A Supreme Nordic piano trio album. " Jazz Critiques Mag

" His easy, melodic playing, full of glistening cascades and dramatic swells, perfectly complements the singer. His synth playing is delightfully subtle too." Jazzwise

Joonas Haavisto - piano

Antti Lötjönen - bass

Joonas Riippa - drums