

LED BIB (uk)

Mark Holub - drums

Liran Donin – bass

Toby McLaren – keyboards

Pete Grogan – alto sax

Chris Williams – alto sax



One of the original torch bearers for the revitalised young British jazz scene **LED BIB** released their third studio album *Sensible Shoes* on Cuneiform Records in May 2009. Described as "*the future of jazz*" by The Times, it was shortlisted as **Album of the Year by the 2009 Mercury Prize** judges.

LED BIB is an unassuming quintet comprising of London based twenty-somethings. The friends, who can usually be found in one another's homes drinking tea and discussing the merits of biscuit types, have together torn apart the jazz world with their avant-jazz-euphoric-rock explosions of improvisation.

The group, formed in 2003 by drummer/composer Mark Holub, established its current line-up around five years ago with Liran Donin on electric and stand up bass, Toby McLaren playing Rhodes and piano and Chris Williams and Pete Grogan up front as the two duelling alto sax players.

Although egalitarian in design, Holub's presence as bandleader is felt throughout, driving tracks through at full throttle with 700 BPM drumming.

Their individual references peer out through the likes of Metallica-like riffs and Northern Soul licks to New York Downtown influenced improvisation.

LED BIB toured throughout the summer ending with a show at the Royal Festival Hall before jazz legend Ornette Coleman.

LED BIB continue to reflect the realities and dreams of life living in London offering an honest comment on the struggle, drama, losses and loves – but always delivered with an element of playfulness.

"This is the sound of a band having fun... like a hot chainsaw through butter." (The Wire)

"...one cool mutha of a death-jazz-cum-math-punk-freakout, as if Mike Patton had his wicked way with John Zorn" (Time Out).

New album: **Bring Your Own** out on Cuneiform, February 2011



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