

Mp3 Lamont Smooth - Body



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ROCK: Funk Rock, ROCK: Psychedelic Details: Lamont Smooth is a Concord, NH based band that blends elements of fusion, funk, soul and rock together to form a sound that is all their own. The band featuring Andy Laliotis on guitar and vocals, Ben Hoffman on keyboards and vocals, George "Buddha" Laliotis on drums and vocals, Matty Audet on percussion and Matt Garofalo on bass explores music using a combination of improvisational and composed music to create an energetic and memorable live experience. Founded in 1996 by brothers Andy and George Laliotis, Smooth began as a quartet with Jed Gibney on guitar and Scott Sealley on bass. In August of 1999, Gibney left the band to pursue other interests leaving the band as a trio. Later that year Matt Garofalo replaced bass player Scott and the band developed the foundation of their unique improvisational playing style. The last two years have been spent perfecting the sound that would become Lamont Smooth. The addition of Ben Hoffman on keys has added a sophistication to the band that carries them to the next level. The final piece to the Smooth puzzle was the welcoming of frequent guest musician Matty Audet (percussion) as a permanent member of the band. This rounded out the rhythm section and opened up many now and future doors to this bands unique sound. The band has just finished recording its first album and is constantly touring throughout the New England area, targeting such areas as Burlington, VT, Portland, ME, Portsmouth, NH and Boston, MA. "Our main goal right now is to bring our music out there to be heard," says George Laliotis. "The most logical way to do this is to spread into new places where there is already a strong music scene." By witnessing Lamont Smooth play first hand, it is certain that branching out will result in a much larger fan base. Many artists, including Frank Zappa, Grateful Dead, Phish, James Brown, Herbie Hancock, Stevie Wonder, Paul Simon and Miles Davis have influenced the band. They have found a way

to mesh this wide variety of inspiration, and the different styles can be heard in all aspects of their songs and jams. A large part of their inspiration, however, comes from its fans. Matt Garofalo comments on this phenomenon by saying, "The energy felt from the crowd often overwhelms us while playing live shows. We take that energy and try to give it back to our fans through our music." The blending of styles and coordinating of improvisational music is made to look simple by this up and coming Concord, NH based band. Lamont Smooth is definitely a name to remember and watch out for, so buckle up and if you see they're coming to a town near you take the time to check them out and see why their fans in New Hampshire come to see them time and time again.

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