

# Mp3 Tom Bancroft Orchestra - Pieology



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Contemporary jazz big band music with influences of Bley, Ellington, David Murray, and Mingus 7 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Big Band, JAZZ: Weird Jazz Details: The Tom Bancroft Orchestra has been in existence for over six years performing the leaders compositions and featuring the cream of the new wave of Scottish jazz musicians, as well as some of the best players from England and Holland. PIEOLOGY is a mixture of live and studio recordings from the first six years of the bands existence, and captures the breadth of the compositional influences : from haunting folk tinged melodies through Ellingtonian use of colour and extended forms , to Zorn-esque anarchic chaos and Mingus- tinged bluesy passion. The CD also captures some of the incredible instrumentalists featured in the band such as Claude Deppa, Brian Kellock, Chick Lyall, Phil Bancroft, Oren Marshall, Kevin MacKenzie and John Telfer. Artist Information: Overweight , overworked, and overstressed Scottish drummer, composer, educator, doctor, and founder of Caber Music Probably the best and 'hardest' drummer in the world, but also prone to flights of self hyperbole... Active in trying to promote Scottish music, as well as on a personal crusade to make improvisation a valued and widely practiced skill in our culture and society. Dreams of a society where everyone is fluent in music. As a composer Tom has written for dance, TV, film, big and small bands, and a children's musical. He is available for commission for interesting compositional projects as well as offering an opinion on just about any subject. As a drummer he has played with many musicians such as Sun Ra, Tommy Smith, Martyn Bennet, Mungo Dunnett, Steve Mannion, Sheila Jordan, Julian Arguelles, Phil Bancroft, Swirler, Charlie MacKerron, Alyth MacCormack, Charlie Mariano, Emil Vicklicky, Laura MacDonald.... As an organiser he has created Clandemonium's 1,2 3, Europhonium, Kidsamonium, Multi Story Karma Park, Who's Solo Is It Anyway?, and now Caber Music. He is the bandleader of the Tom Bancroft Orchestra, co-leader of Trio AAB, drummer for Swirler, plus many other activities. He is an

innovator on the bodhran, playing in a unique double ended style, soon to be unleashed on CD in the forthcoming CD 'Scylla Charybdis'. Tom is an active teacher of drums, improvising, and composition. He has developed the unique 'Apple, Banana, Carrot Improvising Method' with brother Phil. This has been used successfully with students from primary school kids up to university level students. He taught at the fantastic Frydlant Jazz School in the Czech Republic in summer 99 (see photos) and was asked back for the same course in 2000. He has two children Sam and Sophie. Tom Bancroft is also a qualified medical doctor who studied Social Political Science and Medicine at Cambridge University, England. Caber 001 - 'Pieology' [CLOSE WINDOW] The Scotsman "The most adventurous contemporary big band in the UK" From article 'Jazz Albums of the Year' Dec 1999 Inverness Courier "With the accent on fun, Tom Bancroft's "Pieology" ..is a big band album that draws on diverse musical influences to create original, exuberant and often beautiful sounds." Review in Cadence Magazine (USA) Dec 1999: "Scotland may not seem to be a likely place to assemble a Jazz orchestra, but Bancroft has put together a large group that plays music with a touch of swing mixed with much larger doses of more modern big band blowing"..... "The band plays in the tradition of the large Jazz Orchestras that saw their heyday several decades ago, but the arrangements are very much of this age"..... "He builds the dynamics of the band to numerous high points much the way the Thad Jones/Mel Lewis Orchestra did." Cadence Dec 1999 "Bancroft is an ambitious gentleman who is obviously multi-talented. His writing and arranging strengths jump out on this album, and his well schooled band puts his efforts into play with vigor, The recording is a good showcase for Bancroft." Frank Rubolino.

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