PETE DOWNES BIOGRAPY

Pete Downes has rapidly become one of Europe's leading guitarists in the modern fusion and ambient genres. Already established on the jazz scene in the UK with his trio PD3 (Pete Downes Trio).

With influences that cover such a wide spectrum as Pat Metheny, Bach, Hendrix.. PD3's first album of all original material "<u>Street Scene</u>" caught the attention of **Jazzwise**, **Jazz FM** and critic praise from **The Guardian**, **The Observer** and many other Radio Stations and newspapers. The eagerly awaited follow up album "Into The Blue." is a further step on the road to a wider audience.

For the third PD3 album he joined forces with legendary UK trumpeter Dick Pearce, releasing a live recording and working on material together for a future studio release.

In addition he has produced several solo projects including the ambient classic 'Sea of Tranquility' which has proved very successful on iTunes.

He has also just finished composing and recording relaxation music and therapy CD for the NHS Chronic Fatique Unit.

Reviews

"From moment to moment (Downes') evocations leap from hairy rock-tinged John Scofield (Killer Joe), to howling Hendrix (Straight No Chaser) to rhapsodicacoustic Ralph Towner (View in Blue).

Jack Massarik, Jazzwise

Tone, nuance and balance are their strong points. Pete Downes (the 'PD' of the title) plays guitar, both electric and acoustic, with a distinctively bright and crystalline sound, while bassist Andy Coe and drummer Tim Bruce match him to perfection."

Dave Gelly, The Observer