# THE SPACE BETWEEN - MEDBØE/ERIKSEN/HALLE

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### MEDBØE/ERIKSEN/HALLE

Haftor Medbøe (guitar), Espen Eriksen (piano) and Gunnar Halle (trumpet) played together for the first time in an extended line-up for the 2013 Edinburgh Jazz Festival, UK. The musical chemistry between the three musicians inspired the stripped-down trio setting that made its debut at Edinburgh Jazz Festival in 2015 to a rapturous audience. The subsequent album, that features seven original compositions by Medbøe, was recorded in the prestigious Castlesound studios, located in the historic village of Pencaitland, Scotland. Themes from both sides of the North Sea intertwine with cultural echoes from further afield. The trio setting affords each of the musicians in the trio unparalleled space in which to explore depth and breadth of tone and dynamics, while challenging them to extend their normal roles within the ensemble. The Space Between is released on Losen Records in early November. This recording was supported by Creative Scotland.

#### HAFTOR MEDBØE

Born in Lærdal Norway, but for many years resident in Scotland, Haftor Medbøe is a well-know figure on the UK jazz scene. Since 2006, his eponymous group has released three albums for the Linn label and Fabrikant Records. Haftor has also released albums with singer Anneke Kampman and with bass clarinettist Pete Furniss. He is Jazz Musician in Residence at Edinburgh Napier University.

#### **ESPEN ERIKSEN**

Originally from Haugesund in Norway, Espen Eriksen has led his own trio since 2007 and has performed throughout Norway an in Malaysia, South Korea, Indonesia, Russia, Germany, Switzerland and the UK. The trio has released three albums on Rune Gramofon to international critical acclaim. Espen is also one half of a duo with Gunnar Halle with whom he has released two albums.

## **GUNNAR HALLE**

Born in Bœrum in Norway, Gunnar Halle studied at the prestigious Rhythmic Conservatoire in Copenhagen before establishing himself as one of Scandinavia's leading trumpet players. Gunnar appears on over 70 recordings and has worked with, amongst others, Pierre Dørge's Jungle Orchestra, Mari Boine, Eivind Aarset and Fattigfolket. His debut solo album was released in 2015 on the German label Ozella Music.



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