

DENNIS ROLLINS «VELOCITY TRIO»

Dennis Rollins MBE steps into a new sonic frontier with Velocity Trio, a tightly woven ensemble where trombone, organ, and drums converge in bold improvisation and groove. Built to juxtapose raw rhythmic energy with lyrical subtlety, the group channels modern jazz's complexity while remaining deeply connected to danceable funk and soul-inflected rhythms.

Praised by critics for producing music that is at once intellectually stimulating and viscerally exhilarating, Velocity Trio pushes trombone out of its traditional role into the front line—greater emphasis on interplay, daring solos, and rhythmic drive. Rollins, long celebrated for his collaborations with jazz and funk luminaries, brings that same world-weary insight and playful spirit to this stripped-down format, letting space and groove together tell the story.

“Album’s core aesthetic bounces meaty modern jazz to crunchy ripping funk without dropping a beat!”

– **Mike Hobart, Financial Times**

“This band produces genuine fireworks”

– **Roger Thomas, BBC Music Magazine**

“It’s the kind of thing that draws in jazz-doubters, without selling the art down the Swanee”

– **John Fordham, The Guardian**

From intricate improvisations to grooves that make you move, Velocity Trio is Rollins' exploration of contrast: subtlety vs power, nuance vs pulse, melody vs texture. It's music with wide appeal—sophisticated enough for jazz lovers, accessible for those drawn to strong beats and visceral energy. With this project, Rollins confirms not just his mastery of the trombone, but his continuing evolution as a bandleader committed to pushing musical boundaries.

All-star band includes:

- Dennis Rollins (trombone)
- Ross Stanley (hammond organ)
- Joel Barford (drums)