

RLT

RAMON LAZO TRIO

BAND

RLT is keyboardist/producer/composer Ramon Lazo's organ trio. The group sound takes its stylistic influences from progressive jazz rock Tony Williams' Lifetime featuring Larry Young and Santana, to neo-soulsters Maxwell and Soulive as well as the old school funk of Earth, Wind & Fire, Marvin Gaye and Donny Hathaway. The sound is definitely beyond soul jazz and is very different from contemporary organ groups that have emerged since Soulive sparked interest and revival of the organ group (albeit with an aggressive hip-hop sound) at the new millennium.

The lineup includes guitarist Dave Shul, currently with Spearhead, percussionist Robert Quintana, formerly with Spearhead and currently with Booker T and the New MG's, organist Ramon Lazo, formerly with Spearhead and drummer Matthew Swindells, formerly with the UK electronica faves Fillia Brazilia. Together, these musicians create a unique sound that is challenging and powerful yet poignant and familiar which will appeal to a wide variety of audiences that like progressive rock and jazz, jamband, hip-hop and pop music.



RLT (from l-r): Ramon Lazo (organist), Dave Shul (guitarist), Roberto Quintana (percussionist), Matthew Swindells (drumset)

ALBUM: "FOCUS"

RLT, the Ramon Lazo organ Trio has released a new album. The album is entitled "FOCUS" and contains 9 new songs and represents the band's best work to date. The sound of the album is primarily organ based, but goes beyond the classic soul-jazz organ trio sound from Blue Note company during it's heyday of the 1950's and 60's. It begins, instead, by heading in the direction created by the seminal Tony Williams' Lifetime group with Larry Young and John McLaughlin and moves forward by embracing a wide variety of genres, styles and sounds including hip-hop ("Omar Little"), latino rock ("Gone"), English-pop ("YRUDonly 1"), dub reggae ("Deep Blue G"), Brazilian music ("Samba Dos Funkeiros") and old-school funk ("My Oh My").

INFO

Release date: February 15, 2007
Artist: Ramon Lazo
Title: "FOCUS"
Genre: Jamband, jazz-rock
Label: rltmusic
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Producer: Ramon Lazo

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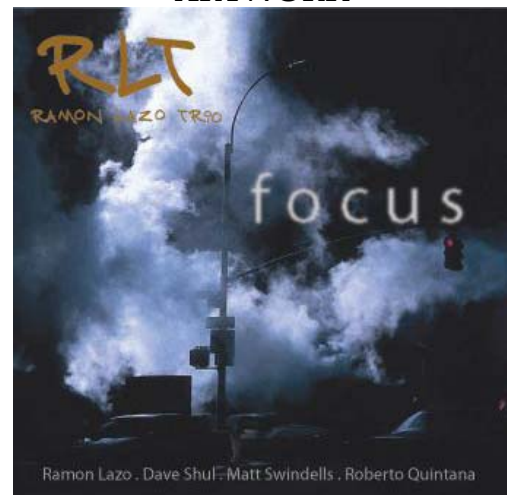
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TRACKS

Title: "FOCUS"

- 1.) "Gone" (5:42)
- 2.) "Omar Little" (5:30)
- 3.) "Deep Blue G" (10:18)
- 4.) "The Twins" (7:33)
- 5.) "YRUD only 1" (5:35)
- 6.) "FOCUS" (7:05)
- 7.) "Samba Dos Funkeiros" (6:01)
- 8.) "Valse for Kathy" (10:50)
- 9.) "My Oh My" (5:14)
- 10.) "My Oh My" "LIVE" in London (5:30)

ARTWORK



Ramon Lazo . Dave Shul . Matt Swindells . Roberto Quintana