

**PRESS RELEASE FOR **THE OLDING/KANNASTE FOUR** "REINVENTING THE WHEEL" ON EL DINGO RECORDS. - NEW SWEDISH-FINNISH-FRENCH JAZZ!**

**THE OLDING/KANNASTE FOUR** now release their debut album "Reinventing The Wheel" on new jazz-indie-label El Dingo Records. After years of playing through the Nordic countries and France we think it's about time...



The group is co-lead by Finnish saxophone player, **JUSSI KANNASTE**, one of the new rising stars of the Helsinki jazz scene. He's active in the UMO jazz orchestra, his own quartet and several other bands. Jussi was awarded the Sony Jazz Award in 2005, one of the most prestigious prizes for young jazz musicians in Finland. He's, since then, been touring around the globe with different groups.

**HANS OLDING**, Swedish guitar player and co-leader, is very active on the Stockholm jazz scene. He has studied at the Royal College of Music in Stockholm and CNSMDP, the Paris Conservatory. Also leading his own quartet in Sweden, The Hans Olding Quartet. Several awards and grants in Sweden for performance and composition.

Jussi and Hans met in Paris in 2001 where they found each other musically almost directly. They had a common wish to create their own contemporary version of jazz with strong original compositions and a homogeneous group sound as a springboard to further musical excursions. After years of different co-operations with musicians like; Daniel Humair (FRA), Jean-Philippe Viret (FRA), Stefan Pasborg (DK), Karl Jannuska (CAN) etc. they found their group.

**YONI ZELNIK**, one of his generation's most hard working bass players in Paris, joined the group in 2003. Yoni is active in several groups in the Paris area like Sophie Alour "Uncaged Quartet", Geraldine Laurant "Time Out Trio" and The Youn Sun Nah Quintet

**PHILIPPE SOIRAT**, French drummer, was the obvious choice for the group. He has recorded over 30 discs during his 25 years in the French capital and has played with most of the musicians there as well as accompanying stars like Lee Konitz, Ray Brown and Mark Turner on tours through Europe.

Group info is available on [www.oldingkannastefour.com](http://www.oldingkannastefour.com). Please contact us on: [phaold@hotmail.com](mailto:phaold@hotmail.com) for more info.

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