

The Bonga/Champion/Mwamba Trio

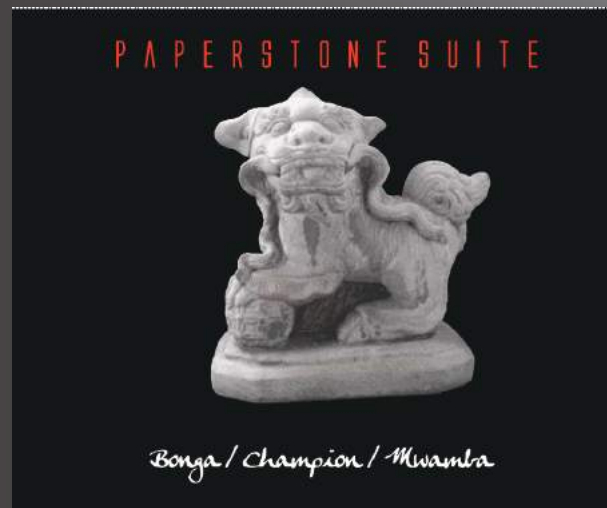


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The Bonga/Champion/Mwamba Trio was formed in the summer of 2012. At the time Ntshuks was in Newcastle on tour with the RSC and approached Paul Bream of Jazz North East about the possibility of playing whilst in town. Ntshuks suggested asking Corey to play and Paul suggested Andy Champion as the third member of then group. Corey & Andy have a long and varied musical history, and Ntshuks and Corey played as part of Orphy Robinson, 'Spontaneous Cosmic Raw Xtra', as well as in Corey's own group, 'Heralds'. Paul programmed the trio to appear at the Very Long Splinter end of season concert at the Bridge Hotel. The musical rapport was instantaneous and each subsequent meeting has been explosive.

The trio appeared at the Gateshead International Festival in 2013, supporting the Louis Moholo-Moholo / Alexander Hawkins Duo.

The music on this CD was recorded at the Paperstone Studios in Nottingham in Nov 2013. The trio spent a day playing in a beautiful room performing a series of improvisations that form the Paperstone Suite parts I-VII.



- I - Satori (awakening) 6:27
- II - Zanshin (awareness) 11:00
- III - Shintai (move) 7:41
- IV - Jinsei no Rizmu (rhythm of life) 8:05
- V - Furukawa (old river) 10:15
- VI - Yume (dreams) 6:27
- VII - Kowareta dansu (broken dance) 15:49

All music: Bonga / Champion / Mwamba

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Engineer: Huw Jones
Mastering: Sam Brown

Thanks to Paul Bream & Jazz North East and to all the staff at the Paperstone Studios

Ntshuks Bonga: alto & soprano saxes
Andy Champion: bass
Corey Mwamba: vibes, percussion



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