



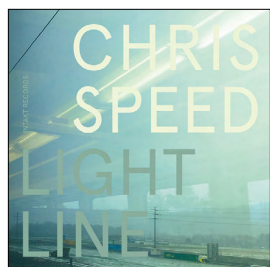
## CHRIS SPEED TRIO DESPITE OBSTACLES

Chris Speed: Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet  
Chris Tordini: Acoustic Bass  
Dave King: Drums

All compositions by Chris Speed (keopolo music BMI). Recorded April 28, and July 24, 2022, at Brooklyn Recording, NYC, by Andy Taub. Mixed in September 2022 by Brett Bullion. Mastered in December 2022 by Huntley Miller. Cover art and graphic design: Jonas Schoder. Liner notes: Kevin Whitehead. Photos: Cedric Pilard. Produced by Chris Speed and Intakt Records. Published by Intakt Records. Intakt Records, P. O. Box, 8024 Zürich, Switzerland.

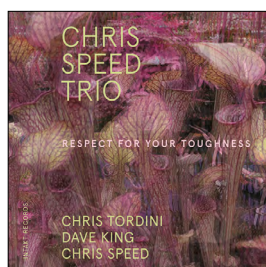
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### Chris Speed on Intakt Records:



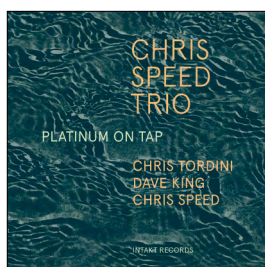
**LIGHT LINE**  
Chris Speed: Clarinet

Intakt CD 364



**RESPECT FOR YOUR TOUGHNESS**  
Chris Speed: Tenor Sax  
Chris Tordini: Double Bass  
Dave King: Drums

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**PLATINUM ON TAP**  
Chris Speed: Tenor Sax  
Chris Tordini: Double Bass  
Dave King: Drums

Intakt CD 294



**BROKEN SHADOWS**  
Tim Berne: Alto Sax  
Chris Speed: Tenor Sax  
Reid Anderson: Bass  
Dave King: Drums

Intakt CD 362



**GOLD**  
Jim Black: Drums  
Kurt Rosenwinkel: Guitar  
Andrew D'Angelo: Alto Sax,  
Bass Clarinet  
Chris Speed: Tenor Sax,  
Clarinet

Intakt CD 322

Chris Speed's superb trio with bassist Chris Tordini and drummer Dave King continues to write its band history with *Despite Obstacles*, their third album on Intakt Records. Releasing ten years after their debut album, *Despite Obstacles* is a testament to the band's continued vitality. Speed, a recent member of the newly arranged The Bad Plus where he is reunited with Dave King in another working band, explains the constitutive impetus for this trio: "The initial idea for this trio was to play more swing-based music, to stay in a jazz-trio world." and Kevin Whitehead adds in the liner notes: "Some saxophonists use trios to stretch way out. Chris Speed has other ideas. 'I gravitate to getting to the point - featuring the song. I love to explore and open things up but there needs to be a directness as well.'"

Chris Speeds hervorragendes Trio mit dem Bassisten Chris Tordini und dem Schlagzeuger Dave King schreibt seine Band-Geschichte weiter und veröffentlicht mit *Despite Obstacles* sein drittes Album auf Intakt Records. *Despite Obstacles* erscheint zehn Jahre nach dem Debütalbum und zeugt von der ungebrochenen Vitalität der Band. Speed, seit kurzem Mitglied der neu formierten The Bad Plus und damit gemeinsam mit Dave King in einer weiteren Working-Band vereint, erläutert den konstitutiven Impuls für dieses Trio: «Die ursprüngliche Idee für dieses Trio war es, mehr Swing-basierte Musik zu spielen, um in der Welt des Jazz-Trios zu bleiben» und Kevin Whitehead ergänzt in den Liner Notes: «Manche Saxofonisten nutzen Trios, um aus ihrem gewohnten Rahmen auszubrechen. Chris Speed hat andere Ideen. <Ich tendiere dazu, auf den Punkt zu kommen – den Song zu präsentieren. Ich liebe es, Dinge zu erkunden und zu öffnen, aber es muss auch eine gewisse Direktheit vorhanden sein.>»