

The Tomi Salesvuo East Funk Attack – SURREAL! TOUR 2020

“Funk with Full Power”

Helsinki based funk band East Funk Attack was founded in 2013. The band, often called “thickly dynamic invasion of funk”, has released two studio albums and one studio live EP. The powerhouse of a group is now releasing new music and music videos from the upcoming third studio album. First two singles “I Feel Surreal” and “Why Don’t You Do It?” saw the daylight in 2019 and more new music is coming out in 2020 while the band is touring again in Germany and Finland. The East Funk Attack band is a sextet led by a drummer and composer Tomi Salesvuo and features the charming singer Taru Ratilainen. Salesvuo leads an amazing line-up of Finnish musicians, brought in from the front line of making sure the funk keeps on thumping!

“During the years, I’ve had an a vision in mind about a group, functioning as a melting pot for my idea of playing rhythmic music. I’m presenting my vision of the combinations of the relentless joy of playing music and catchy melodies. Essentially, we’re packaging the hypnotic rhythm of music with jazz improvisation, telling our life stories of growth as humans. I have the feeling that this surreal vision is now reality and the potential for our growth as a group feels limitless. I can’t wait to share the new music with our listeners!” says Salesvuo, in an inspired mood.

“Tomi has a sense of melody and groove that is not heard everyday and he manages to combine catchy vocal lines with funky hornlines and his own smoking rythm-keeping, making this album a very fine example of music- not just made in Finland but made for the whole world to hear.” - Nils Landgren

Tomi Salesvuo is a drummer, bandleader, producer and educator based in Helsinki, Finland. Born and raised Lappeenranta Finland, Salesvuo has been an avid student of the drums since his early childhood. After graduating from the Sibelius Academy in Helsinki, Salesvuo’s performances with Wayne Krantz, Jim Beard, Benny Golson, Peter Weniger, Nils Landgren and Inaki Sandoval have played an important role in Tomi’s career. Tomi has performed and/or recorded with top Finnish artists like XL, Pekka Pohjola, Severi Pyysalo, Jukka Perko, Jukka Eskola, Pekka Kuusisto, Osmo Ikonen. Tomi Salesvuo teaches at the Helsinki Metropolia University of Applied Sciences as an associate professor. In addition to performing internationally, Salesvuo has taught drum set master classes in many European countries, as well as in the USA and Canada.

SURREAL! TOUR 2020:

- 21 Mar. ROTTWEIL, Markthalle (GER)
- 22 Mar. NURNBERG, Orpheum (GER)
- 23 Mar. HEILBRONN, ebene 3 (GER)
- 24 Mar. FREIBURG, Macromedia Hochschule (GER)
- 25 Mar. FRIEDRICHSHAFEN, Kulturhaus Caserne (GER)
- 26 Mar. STRAUBING, Raven (GER)
- 27 Mar. BAMBERG, Live-Club (GER)
- 28 Mar. DRESDEN, Tante JU (GER)
- 19 May PORI, Palmgren Conservatory (FIN)
- 20 May HELSINKI, G Livelab (FIN)
- 22 May IMATRA, Osmos Cosmos (FIN)

