

Brace Yourself

with grace jones front & centre, brad pitt light orchestra return to dolan's warehouse to launch their exceptional debut album 'lowering the tone' ms zoe conducts...

Brad Pitt Light Orchestra are the eight piece 'Chamber Pop' brigade that have been enlightening the Irish soundscape with their stylish, winsome and lyrically inspiring musical fusion for many years. Lowering the Tone, their eagerly awaited debut album was officially released on August 27th and as all great occasions deserve great celebrations, their debut will be launched on Friday September 10th in Dolan's Warehouse.



Fronted by singing siblings David, Anne and James Blake they are backed by Nick Carswell, Brian O' Grady, Stephen Childs, Tom Howley and Jamie O' Neill. The very well dressed Brad Pitt Light Orchestra mesh emphatic rhythms, with rousing strings, lyrics that hook you at the heart and vocals that are a call to sing along. On occasion, up to twelve members have been counted on stage, including a golden vibraphone and a guerrilla brass section to accompany the guitars, percussions, double bass and keys along with some Fisher Price Toys.

With their achingly hip track, 'Grace Jones', released as the first single BPLO have garnered a 4 star review from Hot Press for Lowering the Tone and as the LEG goes to print they will be packing their instruments and making their way to Dublin to record another session for Today Fm's Paul McCloone who is a huge fan of the band. McCloone provides "mouth tuba" stylings on the track "New Miracle" and coined the term "Chamber-pop" to describe the band's music. Today Fm's Alison Curtis has also caught onto the BPLO beat, giving 'Grace Jones' several spins on her show all of which indicates that BPLO's upcoming performance at the Electric Picnic will be a beautiful stormer of a gig. If you are making your way to Stradbally you can catch BPLO in the Mindfield area.

They have been the highlight of the Flatlake festival for the past couple of years and comfortably traverse the literary, theatrical and music worlds. With all the band members being bilingual and some tri-lingual, having a collection of Masters, PhDs and various degrees, BPLO is not a collective to idle away time when not making music either. Citing Leonard Cohen, Tom Waits, Goran Bregovic, Keith Jarrett, Pink Floyd, David Bowie, John Banville, John McGahern, Neil Hannon, Tom Zé, Elvis Costello, Paul Durcan, The Frames and Zig & Zag as influences, this list may go some way to explaining their ecelectic sound but doesn't quite nail the Brad Pitt Light Orchestra, there are like no other band you will hear creating a unique sound that translates into something very special when you hear them live.

Lowering the Tone is a wry, witty, beautifully played and produced collection of songs that gets better with every listen. Released on Silly Goose Records its available on iTunes and in all good record stores now.

Brad Pitt Light Orchestra launch their debut album, 'lowering the tone' in the warehouse on friday september 10 with support from windings. for more info, log onto www.bplo or www.dolans.ie

