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BEN HENRIQUES

“His new album ‘Captain Awesome’ is Awesome!” ~Margaret Gallagher, CBC Hot Air

“[Ben] left town with a bang — namely his vibrant new disc Captain Awesome.”

~Peter Hum, Ottawa Citizen, Oct 4 2013

“Henriques played tenor and soprano sax on this special album release concert and he certainly proved there is something awesome about his playing and his new music. I'd vote him to be captain anytime.” ~Jaclyn Guillou

“It is impossible to miss the passion, the artistry in his work.”

~The Morssiburg Leader, December 7 2011

“Musique-dans-mes-rêves Wow, là ça c'est toute une aventure musicale!”

~François Dunlop, CISM

“A group of emerging talent to watch out for” ~Christine Jensen



For the last 15 years, Ben has explored the inspirational world of contemporary jazz. Originally from Vancouver, he attended McGill in Montreal and he quickly became a fixture in the Montreal jazz community. During that time he performed with many greats including Joe Lovano, Ben Monder, John Taylor, Kevin Dean and more. Since completing his Master's in Jazz Performance at McGill's Schulich School of Music, Ben has recorded his second album entitled Captain Awesome (Chronograph 2013). Ben lives in Vancouver, BC, and teaches Jazz Arranging, Sax and Flute at Vancouver Island University.

About **CAPTAIN AWESOME** CR-036, 2013

Ben shares his thoughts on his most recent album:

All the songs on Captain Awesome share a common thread - they represent ideas, notions and works of art that have meant something special to me since I was a child. Play was on my mind when I wrote these songs. I chose comics, movies and imaginary worlds that inspire me. “Grown-ups” don't spend a lot of focus on the things they liked as a child, because they're too busy being adults. Often they don't like what they do, but still do it because it's the easier choice in our society where if you have money, which often means stability and less opportunity for play, you're happy. It seems while it's not always the easiest choice to be a musician, those that make that choice and keep doing it have placed a priority on playing for the rest of their lives.

~ Ben

‘Captain Awesome’ is just that – an awesome production from one of Canada's rising stars.

Accompanying Ben on his unique comic book fantasy are jazz masters from Vancouver's local jazz scene. **Jodi Proznick** on bass, **Jesse Cahill** on drums, **Tristan Paxton** on guitar, and **Daniel Reynolds** on piano. Together, they bring to life to Ben's tunes and take listeners through a bright, colourful world of thoughtful, whimsical sounds.

Ben Henriques has performed across Canada at venues including

- The Vancouver International Jazz Festival
- The Montreal International Jazz Festival
- The Beat Niq, Calgary
- The St Lawrence Stage, Morrisburg
- The Montreal L'OFF Jazz Festival
- Upstairs Jazz Bar, Montreal
- The Cellar, Vancouver
- The Rex, Toronto
- Café Paradiso, Ottawa

