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Alex Wilson – Trio:

In between his work as musical director of the wonderful flamenco/metal guitar duo Rodrigo Y Gabriela, pianist Alex Wilson has found time to record and release his ninth studio album. The self-explanatory Trio combines live and studio recordings and covers a lot of musical ground, with Wilson's signature expansive technique and Latin-influenced style melding neatly with Davide Mantovani's fluid bass-work and Frank Tontoh and Tristan Banks sharing their expressive drumming duties. Perhaps surprisingly for such a busy musician, this is his first trio album. The group had its debut at a London Jazz Festival launch event in 2011. "From that point on I knew it was time for me to record a trio album," Wilson explains. "All my other projects have been large world/jazz ensembles and having waited this long I hope I bring my personal journey with all the big band/world music experience to the piano trio format in my own style." The album is released through Alex's own label on 15th April. www.alexwilson.net