

## **Magic Tortoise Bio**

### **Short**

Alt-folk trio Magic Tortoise bring you their unique blend of dreamy yet lively alt -folk with a dash of blues. Intricate interwoven acoustic guitars, vocal harmonies and fretted base grooves animate rich stories of everyday life and the richness of being fully alive on planet Earth. Their improvisational flair and sheer joy in making music together is a must see!

### **Medium**

Song-writer Matt Cattnach leads the Magic Tortoise trio, backed by Adelaide Blues scene stalwart Bas Tijdhof (Mighty Night Owls) and the melodically-diagnosed TimOnBass. Together they bring you their unique music - sometimes dreamy, sometimes lively - that firmly puts the "alt" back into "alt-folk".

Their songs are inspired by a quirky take on everyday life, wild landscapes, and the richness of being fully alive on planet Earth. Matt's fragile vocals and intricate finger-picking, Bas' detailed acoustic lead work, and Tim's melodic and groove oriented fretless bass weave together, with a good dose of improvisational flair, to bring you something truly original.

### **Long**

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Their songs are inspired by a quirky take on everyday life, beautiful landscapes, and the richness of being fully alive on planet Earth. Matt's fragile vocals and intricate finger-picking, Bas' detailed acoustic lead work, and Tim's melodic and groove oriented contributions on fretted and fretless basses combine live on stage with a good dose of improvisational flair and sheer joy at making music together.

With a Festival of Original Music 2020 finals appearance, release of two new singles, and a major role in a 2021 Fringe show "Wild" this enigmatic trio love putting their unique music where you can hear it!

Matt says you might hear echoes of Nick Drake, Radiohead, and Iron and Wine. Tim says "Who are they?" and cites JS Bach as his primary musical influence, but he also credits Shostakovich and the Paul Grabowski Trio. As an established blues player, Bas has a long list of influences but is enjoying exploring the new musical territory of Magic Tortoise's unique tunes. From this broad musical palate, Magic Tortoise brings you something truly original.