

## Local Music Limelight: Copacetic



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From churches to Chinese restaurants, the men in Copacetic have played it all.

But “copacetic” means “it’s cool,” and the trio exudes a chilled-out attitude that mirrors its smooth-jazz tracks.

Tonight, Ed Hill (saxophone), Derek Brown (guitar) and David Jordan (keyboard), all 52, will take center stage at the Lincoln Theatre.

Their main-stage slot won’t change their mission.

“Even though we’re in the spotlight, the spotlight’s not on us,” Hill said. “We’re very sensitive to our job and, at the end of the night, we want people to leave saying that felt good, no matter what set.”

Hill and Brown spoke in advance of the show.

**Q:** You talk as if you love each other like brothers.

**Hill:** It’s true, and that’s at the core of our project. We really do have an affinity for each other as brothers, as musicians, as men of God, and that makes it easier to work together. ... One of the best things is to be able to tease and joke but know it comes from the heart.

**Brown:** I don't know about the love thing.

**Hill:** See what I mean?

**Q:** What are the differences in playing a background gig versus being at the front of the stage?

**Brown:** From a preparation standpoint, we all prepare from a standpoint of excellence. It would be easy if we're background music to say we're going to slack off a little bit, but there are times we're contracted to provide background music (and) we have people coming up to us multiple times saying how much they like the music.

**Q:** Would you describe your debut EP?

**Hill:** It's about what we're not trying to do. We're not trying to be the next Chuck Loeb or David Sanborn or Boney James. Those people already exist. We're not trying to be a revival group or resurrect something from the past. We don't compare ourselves — "our music is like this or like that" — our music is our music, and it speaks to who it speaks to. We just want to create music that lives inside of us. I tease people all the time (that) God gives me music. and I have to get it out so I can be empty for the next thing.

— *Julia Oller*

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### **Copacetic**

**Where:** Lincoln Theatre, 769 E. Long St.

**Contact:** 1-800-745-3000, [www.ticketmaster.com](http://www.ticketmaster.com)

**Style:** jazz

**Showtime:** 7 p.m. Thursday

**Tickets:** \$10



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