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" THE DRUMS ARE BACK! "

This is a weird sentence coming from a drummer. Never the less this describes how Steve Gadd feels when he plays with Michael Blicher and Dan Hemmer in the band Blicher Hemmer Gadd. *"This is honest Music. No one plays like this anymore."* Steve Gadd says. For the last 50 years he has played with Paul Simon, Steely Dan, Chick Corea, Eric Clapton, Kate Bush, Paul McCartney, Chet Baker and the list goes on.

In this trio with the award winning saxophonist, Michael Blicher and Hammond organ wizard, Dan Hemmer, Steve Gadd rediscovers the sound and fell of the drums, and in their interplay there is a musical nerve and joy that excites even a world legend drummer at age 73.

Blicher Hemmer & Gadd unplugged the soundsystem at a recent show in Japan, and the acoustic sounds of the instruments reconnected instantly and everything came together on a higher level. It reminded Gadd of the time back home in Rochester when he played with Dizzy Gillespie at age 11. In Blicher Hemmer Gadd, Steve is getting back to where it all began. With the sounds from the drums, the saxophone reed and the rotating leslie and with the presence and communication of the three musicians and their audience, music comes alive in a whole new way. It's simple and yet very remarkable that a successful drummer as Steve Gadd still can find new ways to unfold music and discover such heartiness.

"Flawless craft and mesmerizing artistry in perfect dialogue. So sensual as to steal the breath from your body." The Sydney Morning Herald (AUS) ****

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