

## Puppycat Bio

Puppycat is an instrumental Rock group from Vancouver, BC. It's members consist of Ryan Drolet (Guitar), Russ MacKenzie (Bass) and Dimitar Karabov (Drums). As an instrumental trio, all three members are aware of the importance of ebb and flow within the compositions. Where one instrument lays low, the other has the opportunity to come to the forefront. This type of play allows the trio format to really come to life. Little surprises that are planted here and there help keep the listener interested and help each song reach new plateaus as the music forges on.

With a formal background in Jazz Performance and Composition from Grant MacEwan University, Ryan's harmonic structures and melodic choices are quite angular, giving an unorthodox breath of fresh air to a "Rock" foundation that is not normally ornamented in such a way. His compositions take the listener on a ride they did not expect to take. His inspiration when writing is to give people music unlike anything they have ever heard before. Russ adds a solid median between the guitar and drums, pulling both toward the middle so as not to drift too far into outer space. Russ's heavy rock background is the key to Puppycat sounding like a rock group with jazz fusion elements as opposed to an 80's jazz fusion group. Hailing from Bulgaria, Dimitar adds to the drums what other North American drummers cannot. He hears and thinks about drumming in his own way. The outcome is drum parts that equally rival the guitar parts. He is always pushing for more out of himself and puts his stamp on every part he plays. He is the "response" to Ryan's "call". A counter weight that balances out every Puppycat tune.

If you close your eyes, Puppycat will provide the soundtrack to a film in your brain you didn't know was there. Like reading a book, Puppycat's music will conjure up images as the notes unfold. By the end of the song, you may realize you've unknowingly ended a conversation or you may no longer be doing what you were doing a couple of minutes earlier. Your ears have been hijacked and you've been drawn in to listen. You have indeed been slapped in the face by this band and you quietly say to yourself, "Thanks, I needed that".