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Combo cures "Hangover" with air of soul

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It hits the head like a three-finger toast of Four Roses — or the cracked wail of some bygone jazz cat slinking across a long-forgotten frequency.

Whatever the metaphor, the sound of Like Trains & Taxis — Chris Harris, Owen Susman and Mike Del Priore — is a bracing wind of soul sure to shake the Jersey Shore's lily-white waters straight down to the bedrock.

"I think — or at least hope — that the relative uniqueness of our sound will work in our favor," says Harris, the band's lead songwriter, vocalist and piano player. "We get a lot of enthusiastic reactions on that premise. A lot of people come up to us and say, "Hey, I really haven't heard anything like that before. It reminds me of a bunch of different things, but the things it reminds me of don't necessarily connect.'"

The New Brunswick indie/soul/groove combo will play The Saint on New Year's Day as part of Rick Barry's seventh annual Holiday Hangover event, along with The New Rick Barrys, Glen Burtnik and No Wine For Kittens, and will follow with performances at the Downtown in Red Bank Jan. 14 and George Street Playhouse in New Brunswick Jan. 31.

Having already released its debut EP on Dec. 12 at The Delancey in New York City and set to kick off the new year with an exhaustive tour spanning from Asbury to Atlanta to Detroit, the band, which formed about a year ago and just recently began playing before live audiences, understands the reality of keeping swift to stay alive.

"Owen and I were playing together for a little while as a duo before we found a drummer. At the time, I was getting comfortable performing in general; it's not really something I had done before — as a singer, as a front man," Harris says. "I'd played in bands as a piano player for a large portion of my life, but never as the focal point. So it was good that Owen and I had the time to go around as a duo and do coffee shops for a while, which allowed me to gain some confidence. It wasn't until we found Mike that we really got our wheels underneath us and were able to start moving forward.

"Real life exists for me, as it does for the other members of this band. I don't think we're really at an age to pussyfoot around, kind of tow the line of it being a hobby that we're all kind of interested in," he added. "If we're going to do it, we need to do it as efficiently as possible and as seriously as possible to really know whether we have a shot at it. That way, if it doesn't work out, we can say we actually tried, instead of "Hey we played a bunch of basements in New Brunswick and did some DIY-style tours but never really tried to make a go at it.' If we're going to invest the time, we should do it 100 percent and do it as seriously and professionally as possible. That'll allow people to take us seriously as we grow and develop and learn how to make good records."

If Tom Waits' sprawling, cacophonous blues were to cross the ardent grooves of Stevie Wonder on an illicit corner of Tin Pan Alley, it might scratch the surface of what this band's self-titled six-song debut is all about.



Chris Harris, Mike Del Priore and Owen Susman, a.k.a. Like Trains & Taxis, will play The Saint New Year's Day.

RICK BARRY'S SEVENTH ANNUAL HOLIDAY HANGOVER with Like Train & Taxis, The New Rick Barrys, Glen Burtnik and No Wine For Kittens 7 p.m. Thursday The Saint, 601 Main St., Asbury Park

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