



A Soaring Trio With Unsuspected Success

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Khruangbin, a Thai funk band from Dallas, TX is taking the world and it's listeners to a whole new experience and volume.

With so many bands, producers and artists coming to light, an unsuspecting trio brings that warm happiness and euphoric positivity that everyone is looking for. Khruangbin exerts a sound with such an elegance, style and force it's almost impossible to skip. It is a sound that lifts you up and keeps you floating in an aura of emotion and happiness - a taste of pure bliss, simply put. Whether you're in your car taking a scenic route in the desert, stuck in congested Los Angeles traffic, at home engaging in a relaxing read or simply putting on a record to entertain, this American trio out of Houston, Texas will hit those notes that send those goosebumps through your body, drop those tingles from the ears down to the groin, and provide any experience with the most beautiful soundtrack. With only a handful of EP's and two LP's currently out, Khruangbin has proven that they are



a force to be reckoned with in the world of Thai funk, psychedelia and instrumental rock. The band has an absolute minimal approach when it comes to vocals but where they lack in lyrical composition they make-up ten fold in their instrumentation and simplicity - and believe it, less is more with these cats. Although their genre has been highly debated, Thai funk is what they'll tell anybody, but they prefer not to be permanently filed under any one genre.

The Name.

Khruangbin, translated from Thai as “flying engine”, was Lee’s favorite Thai word while learning and figured it would be a good fit to their style and sound. Funny enough, the band admits that if they could have predicted their success they would have chosen a name that was easier to pronounce. With their distinct name and unmistakable hair style, which are wigs worn to move inconspicuously from the merchandise table to the stage, this band has been taking the United States and the world by storm.

The Band.



Left to right: Donald “DJ”
Johnson, Laura Lee, Mark Speer

The band consists of guitarist Mark Speer, bassist Laura Lee, and drummer Donald “DJ” Johnson. Khruangbin initially started with the union of Speer and Johnson in 2004 as the two played guitar and organ for a gospel band at St. Johns Methodist Church in Houston. In 2007, Speer was introduced to Lee through mutual friends and was the beginning of friendship and mentorship in which Speer actually taught Lee how to play the bass. The two began to tour and express their love for bass heavy psychedelic sounds which came to be the main aesthetic to Khruangbin’s current sound, eventually touring with successful names such as Bonobo and Yppah. Down the line, the two asked Johnson to join them as the drummer to play break beats under their hypnotic guitar and bass.

Con Todo El Mundo (2018)

Their most recent album *Con Todo El Mundo* (2018) has been a musical phenomenon as it has long since begun to pop up on playlists and favorites of some of the most famous



artists, producers, and musicians. This is the album that is really breaking them out of the amateur leagues and straight to the pros. If this album doesn't bring tears to your eyes the story behind the name definitely will. The album name Con Todo El Mundo was derived from Laura Lee's grandfather who would always ask "Como me quires?" which translates to "how do you love me?" In which she would reply "Con todo el mundo," which means "with all the world". "With all the world" has also been mentioned to be a reference to their various musical influences (mainly from the Middle East). Con Todo El Mundo is an amazing testament to true music and honest creativity in a world where electronic music and real musicianship is diluted by machines that can make anybody's music sound appealing or popular. Everything from the simplicity of their instruments and gear to their crystal clear sound and harmony really strikes a bolt of lightning through anybody's musical preference; Khruangbin is loved by most and disliked by very few and it shows!

If you haven't already, hop on a stream or pick up one of their records immediately and experience for yourself the immense warmth and euphoria brought on by a spiritual guitar, a storytelling bass and drums that will all carry you through a universe of emotion and color.

