

LosAKAtombros



From left to right: Tracy Wannomae (alto sax), Scott Nagatani (keyboards), Taiji Miyagawa (bass), Danny Yamamoto (drums). (Photo by Karen Hamada)

LosAKAtombros *music* can be heard [HERE](#).

Band Biography:

(Short version)

LosAKAtombros hails from the Crenshaw District of Los Angeles. Embracing the influences of African American creative music from the likes of Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane, they also explore their own cultural roots as Japanese Americans via original compositions and by utilizing traditional Japanese folk songs as platforms for group improvisation.

(Long version)

Initiated by Scott Nagatani in early 2013, LosAKAtombros began as a Thursday night jam session at the Grand Star Jazz Club in Chinatown, Los Angeles. The roots of the band, both in a literal, biographical and historical sense, are from the Crenshaw District, a predominantly African American and once large Japanese American community. Hence, this gives some clues as to the shared cultural aesthetics within the group.

These are musicians who found an affinity with African American creative music from the late 50's and 60's, most notably the likes of Thelonious Monk and John Coltrane. At the same time, being third generation Japanese Americans, they possess a consciousness regarding matters related to the specific conditions of this legacy, with sensibilities derived from the experiences of the previous two generations. Thus one will hear the band playing both jazz standards as well as original works which are intent on exploring their Japanese heritage.

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Social Media:

Band Website: losakatombros.com

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The logo for LosAKAtombros features the band's name in a stylized, hand-drawn font. The letters 'Los' and 'tombros' are in black, while 'AKA' is in red. The 'A' is particularly stylized, resembling a red 'X' or a double 'A'.