

Ballister

Low Level Stink

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Recorded live in Antwerp in 2015, *Low Level Stink* is a pungent racket. The trio of Dave Rempis (saxophone), Fred Lonberg-Holm (cello and electronics) and Paal Nilssen-Love (drums) are on explosive form, sounding at times like a free jazz Lightning Bolt. The tonal range of Lonberg-Holm's amplified cello is remarkable, as he goes from scratchy high end bow work to deranged metal shredding. At one point his cello pants and growls, like a salivating Tex Avery wolf, at another, it sounds like a sentient 16-bit console. Nilssen-Love provides the low end with a heavy barrage of kick drum, while maintaining a spry lightness of touch in his stick work. Rempis's alto and tenor cut through the mayhem with squeals, trills and full-fat R&B raunch.