



# CANDY APPLE JAZZ BAND



trad jazz, swing, dixieland punk meets street theatrics and tomfooleries.

## Biography

We began on the streets in May 2015 when long time best friends, puppeteer Ben (banjo) and idea man Kasey (trumpet), expanded their social empowerment busking duo into a quartet bringing in theatre maker Sasha (washboard) and free improviser Andy (trombone). After only two months together and already gaining speed, we went on hiatus due to some members' studies/humanitarian work/art projects abroad.

9 months later, we were back together and lost no time. In May 2016, we recorded our first EP, *"Professor Andy Dolgin's Medicinal Tonic and Jazz Band"* introducing a turn of the century medicine show. A month later, in June, we embarked on a 3 week tour playing in bars, on the streets and in festivals to; Italy, Bulgaria, Serbia, Romania (notably, Revolution Festival in Timisoara).

In our short time together we've already had some memorable moments like; playing at EKO refugee camp in Greece, interviews on CP24 and JazzFM91, being featured on youtube children's show "Sing Along with Tobee" (airing in January) and documentary "BUSKERS", playing at BuskerFestTO, Clay and Paper's "Night of Dread" and parties for the Toronto Symphony Orchestra and Nathan Phillips Square.

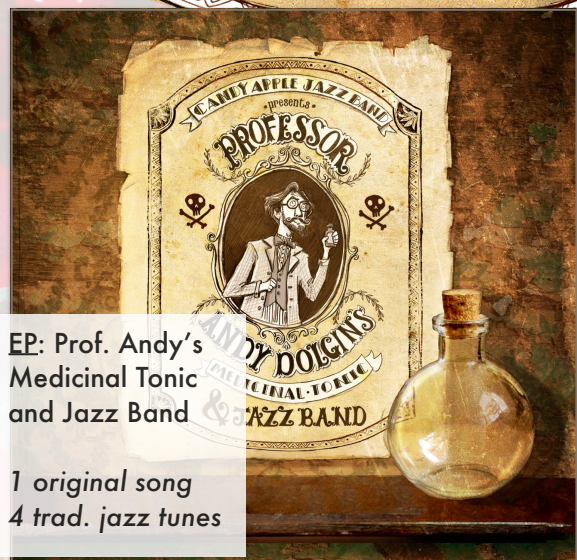
**Members:** Ben Lee (banjo, vocals), Kasey Dean Sikora (trumpet), Sasha Theodora (washboard, bass drum, vocals), Andy Dolgin (trombone, sousaphone), Gabe Kerekes (clarinet)

## What are we about?

Generally, we are a cheeky group of folks and that's how we play. Learning most of our tricks from the streets and folk culture, we use storytelling and music to create acts of celebration. Although, we draw largely from New Orleans traditional jazz as a medium for comedy (think Fats Waller and Cab Calloway), we mix this with our own zany sense of musicality and spectacle (think World Inferno Friendship Society or the Flaming Lips) to inspire our audiences to let go. Our mission is to challenge social barriers whatever they may be. Also, we love making people dance.

Up next for us, we are cooking up a new album to be released, April 2017, entitled:

"From the Hot Club of Gutterland"



EP: Prof. Andy's Medicinal Tonic and Jazz Band

1 original song  
4 trad. jazz tunes

"CAJB brings a party with them where ever they go- the joy and fun they exude when performing is infectious, and had our crowds dancing long into the night"

- Mackenzie Muldoon  
Marketing and Entertainment Director  
BuskerFest TO



Beach Fest; Ruse, Bulgaria  
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