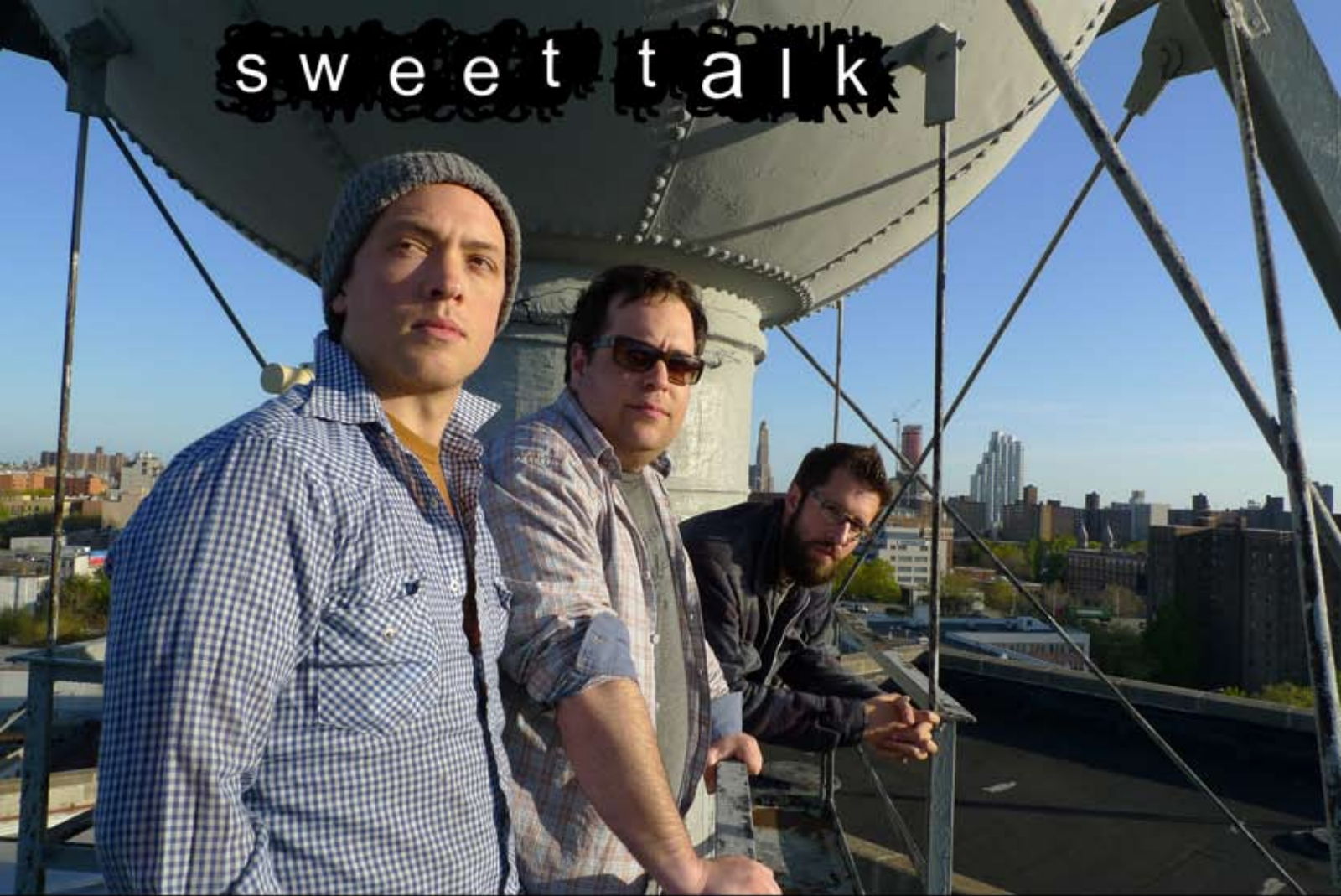


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DUSTIN CARLSON - JAKE HENRY - DEVIN DROBKA

In September of 2011 trumpeter Jake Henry, guitarist Dustin Carlson, and drummer Devin Drobka came together to form Sweet Talk. Informed by their expansive musical experience, these performers are creating an ever morphing musical language. Henry's compositions blend off-kilter melodies with intricate fingerpicked guitar that the band deconstructs into everything from trashy noise rock to delicately developed soundscapes. Sweet Talk has completed three tours of the Northeast USA/Canada and one of the Midwest. Their debut album "Glitter Bomb" was released on Prom Night Records in April of 2013.

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"On its debut album, *Glitter Bomb*, this young New York trio balances churning intensity with clear-eyed lyricism. Drummer Devin Drobka (a sideman for postbop saxophonist Jerry Bergonzi) alternates between floor-rumbling chaos and stutter-step grooves, slicing up time the way a Benihana chef goes to work on a cutlet; he can also tighten or loosen the tension in the music, or add and subtract weight. Guitarist Dustin Carlson usually follows the changes with woozy arpeggios, gnarled single-note runs, or thick clusters of abstract sound, his unspooling gestures rarely repeating themselves. Trumpeter Jake Henry, the group's leader and primary melodic voice, butts sweet-toned melodies up against strident, unpitched squalls a la Axel Dörner. During the epic "Wonderous," Henry keeps cutting himself off midnote so sharply it's as though someone unplugged his mike, then picking right back up like it got plugged back in—it's surprises like this that keep Sweet Talk's renditions of its tuneful compositions from ever feeling predictable."

—Peter Margasak (Chicago Reader)