HOT CLUB OF COWTOWN

HOT JAZZ & WESTERN SWING FROM AUSTIN, TEXAS

This trio's stylistic genesis--as well as title--stems from the realization that the great heritage of strings (guitars and violins) originates mutually with the Manouche gypsies of France and the no-less virtuosic hillbilly pickers and fiddlers of Oklahoma and Texas….Together for over 15 years and a dozen albums, the threesome of high-heeled violinist Elana James, guitarist Whit Smith and bassist Jake Erwin showed from the beginning that jazz and country music could exist together on the same page, a highly commendable achievement if ever there was one.
-Will Friedwald, *Wall Street Journal*, 2014