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JASON AJEMIAN'S DAY DREAM FULL LIFESTYLES

Over the past few years Jason Ajemian has become one of the most active bassists in town, thriving as a key member of Triage, Dragons 1976, Mandarin Movie, and Born Heller, among many other ensembles. Yet he rarely presents his own music as a leader—one reason the emergence of this new group is so notable. The other is the personnel: guitarist Jeff Parker, cornetist Rob Mazurek, drummer Chad Taylor, and exciting New York tenor saxophonist Tony Malaby, who's worked recently with Charlie Haden and Paul Motian. Ajemian declined to provide me with any information about the project, but considering his quirky aesthetic—which finds a strange common ground between free jazz and hillbilly music—and the killer lineup, I'm happy to take my chances. See also Sunday. ➡ 7 PM, Chicago Cultural Center, 78 E. Washington, 312-744-6630.

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