



The Wisely Brothers

Tokyo-based indie pop / alternative pop outfit **The Wisely Brothers** consists of **Haruko Madachi** (Vocal/Guitar), **Izumi Wakuri** (Bass/Vocal) and **Akane Watanabe** (Drums/Vocal), longtime friends since their mid-teen years that have firmly established themselves as one of the most exciting acts on the Japanese indie scene.

The band formed back in 2010 when they were students at the same high school and named themselves **The Wisely Brothers** after a suggestion from Haruko's dad. Following in the influential footsteps of such alternative music greats as **The Pastels**, **Pavement**, **Yo La Tango**, **The Velvet Underground** and **Marine Girls**, the trio creates music which is unique, novel and incomparable.

Through their debut release "**Family Mini Album**" in 2014 and a series of eagerly-anticipated and well received singles like 2017's "**HEMMING EP**" and "**The Letter**" (mixed by **John McEntire**, **Tortoise / The Sea and Cake**), the threesome have developed passionately loyal fans in Japan and their music, awash with jangly guitar riffs, beautiful vocal harmonies, melancholic melodies and the warm nostalgic vibes of 90's alternative / indie, has gained critical acclaim from the Japanese music media and entertainment news websites such as **ROCKIN'ON JAPAN**, **Mikiki**, **natalie** and **BARKS**, amongst many others.

These outstanding successes led to them signing to Japanese major label **Nippon Columbia**, releasing their first full length album "**YAK**" in 2018. Sophomore album "**Captain Sad**" followed in 2019 to rave reviews.

The band have also been gaining a reputation as a burgeoning live act on the Tokyo live music scene. They have not only appeared at popular music festivals in Japan such like **SUMMER SONIC**, **MINAMI WHEEL**, **METROCK**, but have also shared stages with high-profile international indie artists such like **Frankie Cosmos**, **TOPS**, **Swimming Tapes**, **Say Sue Me** and **Night Flowers**. Since 2017 the band has begun performing overseas, playing in South Korea twice and currently planning their first-ever UK / EU tour in Spring 2021.

