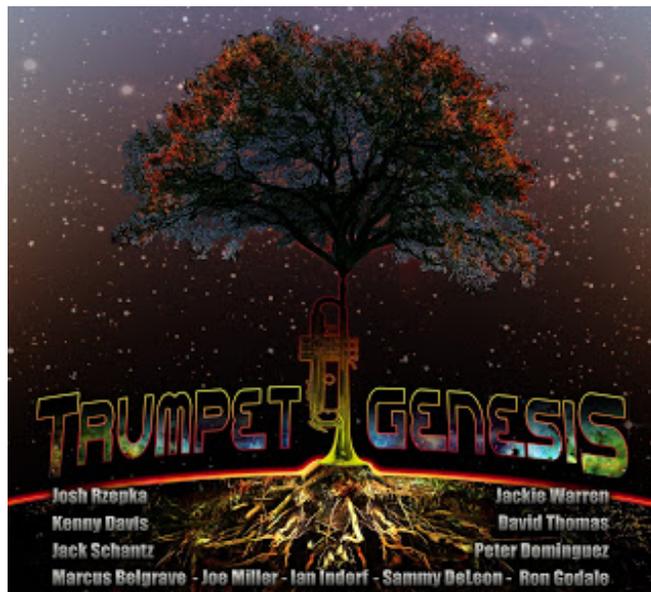


Josh Rzepka Trumpet Genesis 2013 Five Stars!

A dynamic trumpet collective celebrating the legends of the past while chronicling a rising star for the future with the work of trumpet phenom Josh Rzepka.

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The great columnist from the L.A. Times, Robert Hiburn once said it was unwise for a critic to become "friends" with an artist unless there is a collaboration happening on a project. This may be the only point of disagreement I hold with Hilburn as getting to know Josh Rzepka and charting his exponential growth and development as an artist is an extreme joy. Trumpet Genesis is the follow up to the 2011 release Into The Night with Josh showing additional skills as a producer to keep a keen eye on.



The Latin flavored classic "Tin Tin Deo" opens the release with four of the six trumpet players including Josh banging out a smoldering swing with some righteous percussion from Sammy DeLeon. Marcus Belgrave who is the only surviving member of the original Ray Charles band was brought in to round out a real deal trumpet section featuring Josh along with Marcus and Jack Schantz, Kenny Davis, Joe Miller and Ian Indorf. The rhythm section is held down by mainstays Jackie Warren on piano and Peter Dominguez on acoustic and electric bass not to forget Ron Godale on drums. David Thomas handles the piano chores on "Sweet Clifford" which follows the @CriticalJazz mantra of swing hard or go home. Josh Rzepka also pulls off the jazz trifecta with ease with solid arrangements on not only "Sweet Clifford" but the previously mentioned "Tin Tin Deo" and the exquisite Horace Silver ballad "Peace."

Currently modern jazz trumpet is dominated by a handful of artists here in the United States that seem content in not just reliving the past but camping out there. Josh Rzepka is the new breed of trumpet player, a young lion with mad skills and a brilliant sound to push traditional jazz into the uncharted waters few are willing to tread.

Trumpet Genesis leaves you longing for more. A release that pops with vitality and comes straight from the heart. Josh Rzepka's musical stock is an arrow pointing straight up!

Tracks: Tin Tin Deo; Super Blue; Blues For Wood; Peace; Sweet Clifford; Red Clay.

Personnel: Josh Rzepka: trumpet / flugelhorn; Kenny Davis: trumpet / flugelhorn; Marcus Belgrave: trumpet / flugelhorn; Jack Schantz: trumpet; flugelhorn; Joe Miller: trumpet; Ian Indorf: trumpet; Jackie Warren: piano; David Thomas: piano; Peter Dominguez: acoustic & electric bass; Ron Godale: drums; Sammy DeLeon: percussion.