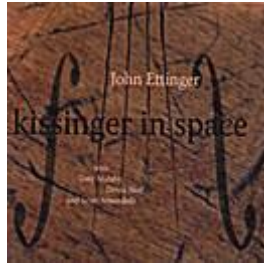


## Mp3 John Ettinger - Kissinger In Space



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Latest by violinist John Ettinger with Tony Malaby on tenor sax, Devin Hoff (Nels Cline Singers, Good For Cows) on upright bass, and Scott Amendola (Madeline Peyroux, Charlie Hunter) on drums. ("A new benchmark for creative jazz violin."-allaboutjazz.com) 9 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Weird Jazz, ROCK: Extended Jams Details: "By turns joyous and autumnal, pensive and funky, lyrical and beat-driven, on the page and off it, all sometimes within the course of the same tune, Ettinger's music blends precisely arranged through-composition with unfettered collective improvisation. It's utterly distinctive stuff, and amongst its chief joys is the remarkable symbiosis between Ettinger and Malaby, whose close sonic fit and dual-drive improvised lines are the disc's dominant presence. Amendola's subtly groovalicious drums are another source of delight. Most of the tracks (there are nine, averaging about six minutes each) are composed of mini-movements: the eight-minute title track, for instance, moves through five distinct sections, from tender to tribal... An auspicious release from a real-life emergent star, and a new benchmark for creative jazz violin." Reprinted with permission. Copyright 2006 AllAboutJazzand Chris May. While jazz violin has enjoyed a resurgence of interest in recent years with the growing popularity of such artists as Regina Carter and Billy Bang, its potential in improvised music has yet to be fully fathomed. Meet San Francisco Bay Area violinist John Ettinger, who, based on his debut CD, 2003's August Rain, and his superb new sophomore effort, Kissinger in Space, promises to be a key player to further explore the instrument's sonic depth. Ettinger's new CD showcases his prowess as a composer and improviser whose music is a compelling blend of the lyrical and the free. The album also displays his talent as a fine bandleader whose quartet comprises top-drawer sidemen tenor saxophonist Tony Malaby (Paul Motian, Charlie Haden), bassist Devin Hoff and drummer Scott Amendola. Holding the rhythm section down are two Bay Area regulars: Hoff (who plays in the Nels Cline Singers trio as well as fronts his own duo project Good

for Cows with drummer Ches Smith) and Amendola (the Bay Area vet who in addition to fronting his own bands is also in Nels Cline Singers, currently tours with Madeline Peyroux, has an impressive resume with Charlie Hunter and the T.J. Kirk project, and played drums on Ettingers first CD).

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