

Mp3 Evan Stone - Sticks & Stone, Vol. 1



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A great mix of straight-ahead jazz standards and compelling original tunes. 9 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Bebop, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals Details: REVIEW: Studio City Sun, June 16, 2006 by Bill Bentley Evan Stone, Sticks Stone/Vol. 1 (Red Jazz) Talk about a left field surprise. Drummer Evan Stone has been busy making a solid name for himself in Southern California (check out Peter Erskines shining endorsement in the liner notes), working with a variety of jazz groups and never missing a beat. Stones drumming is always inventive, but he never forgets hes the timekeeper in service of the song. On this new labels debut release, he turns on the heat, alongside saxophonist Matt Otto and several other impeccable players. The bar is raised mighty high on songs like Billy Strayhorns Isfahan and Dexter Gordons Cheesecake, but two Otto originals and contributions from other band members makes Sticks Stone both first in hopefully a series of volumes from a most adventurous aggregation, and Red Jazz a label to keep a wide-open ear.

----- "East of the Sun' it is the best version I have heard since AL Cohn and Zoot Sims" John Reid - Keith Community Radio 102.8FM, Keith, Banffshire, Scotland

----- Evan Stone is part of the new breed of musical drumming talent that is redefining West Coast Jazz. World-renowned drummer Peter Erskine (Weather Report, Steely Dan) ----- "GREAT !! Frequently requested on my show!"

Mudshark -KVMR-FM Nevada City ----- "Great to hear some classic jazz being played and performed by a very competent muso. Innovative. contemporary jazz at its best." Tony Bates- Highlands 100.7FM ----- "Red Jazz picked a winner in drummer Evan Stone to launch their debut recording. Evan is all about a new rejuvenated left coast sound. His lineup is strong including Matt Otto (sax) who shines on "For My Friends", Joe Bagg (B3) and Josh Nelson (p). Sara Gazarek adds a vocal track on "Moonlight In Vermont" to balance out the

mostly bebop set. But they really swing in a cool jazz way. "East of the Sun" is a great example." D.

Oscar Groomes- O's Place Jazz Magazine ----- " The original compositions of Josh Nelson , Joe Bragg and Matt Otto are the highlight of this album alongside the great choice of standards (East of the Sun-Lovely sax playing!) ,Moonlight in Vermont-Great vocals! and You and the Night...That Tenor again!!) and the superb drumming of their leader. Sticks and Stone is a superbly played collection of the above by a great band. I have already added several of the original tracks to my playlist and will feature them on my national radio show "A Jazz Hour" which is broadcast across Australia weekly via the CBAA network. Barry O'Sullivan Presenter/producer of A Jazz Hour - weekly across Australia via the CBAA network -BLU FM 89.1 -----

----- EVAN STONE Drummer, Bandleader WINNER BEST JAZZ 2006 Orange County Music Awards Evan Stone is a drummer that knows how to put together great bands, and thats exactly what hes done for his first release on the Red Jazz label. On Sticks Stone, Vol. 1 Evan Stone is the bandleader, co-producer, and still provides the unmistakable musical drumming style that is all his own. From the down beat of track one to the last chorus of the final tune, Evan Stone leads this wonderful collection of Los Angeles / Orange County based musicians through a fantastic mix of jazz standards and driving originals that is sure to please purist and casual listeners alike. Musicians: Evan Stone Drums Matt Otto Tenor Sax Josh Nelson Piano David Miller Bass Steve Cotter Guitar Tony Guerrero Trumpet Joe Bagg Hammond B3 Organ Sara Gazarek Vocals Tracks: 1. You And The Night And The Music 4:54 2. Isfahan 5:30 3. Cheesecake 8:58 4. For My Friends 8:14 5. Moonlight In Vermont 5:01 (Featuring Vocals By Sara Gazarek) 6. KCAMS 5:23 7. Grapes 5:54 8. November Waltz 7:10 9. East Of The Sun 8:36 CREDITS: Evan Stone has toured the United States with trumpeter/bandleader Maynard Ferguson and traveled throughout Australia and New Zealand with pop artist Toni Childs. Evan formed the Progressive/New Thing Rock band Salty The Pocketknife which released their debut recording in 2003. When not leading his own bands throughout the west coast, Evan tours with the Greg Adams Band (Tower of Power) and pop artists Aly AJ. Evan has shared the stage alongside these notable artists: Larry Carlton (Steely Dan); Gerald Albright (Whitney Houston); Tom Scott (Joni Mitchell); Thom Rotella (Beach Boys, Frank Sinatra); Jeff Skunk Baxter (Steely Dan); Max Bennett (Joni Mitchell); Chris Botti (Sting); Paul Carmen (Frank Zappa); Lenny Castro (Toto, Stevie Wonder); Melvin Davis (Chaka Khan, Pointer Sisters); Wilton Felder (The Crusaders); Brandon Fields (Tower of Power); Mike Garson (David

Bowie); Grant Geissman (Chuck Mangione); Greg Adams (Tower of Power); Tim Landers (Al Dimeola, Billy Cobham); Alex Ligertwood (Santana); Jeff Lorber; Eric Marienthal (Chick Corea); John Tesh; and Diane Schuur In addition, Evan Stone has played with Kei Akagi, John Beasley, Brian Bromberg, David Garfield, Gilbert Castellanos, Darek Oles, Bob Sheppard, Chuck Manning, Doug Webb, Steve Cardenas, Theo Saunders, Otmaro Ruiz, Luther Hughes, Bob Cooper, Dr. Art Davis, Llew Matthews, Rob Mullins, and Anthony Wilson.

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