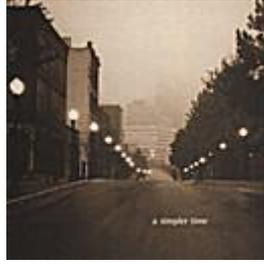


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North Kansas City School District. Hes played with various groups in KC as well as the Starlight Theater, K.C. Chiefs Band and the Kansas City Symphony. Gerry Leonard Bass Gerry played trumpet through college and following graduation, toured the U.S. playing bass with brother Garry for several years. Hes played with many local Kansas City musicians including long stints with such notables as Frank Smith, Richard Ross and Joe Cartwright. Gary Helm Latin Percussion Gary has been performing in the Kansas City area for the past 25 years, specializing in percussion and electric bass. He has toured the U.S. extensively with such well-known artists as Chaka Khan, the OJays, Teddy Pendergrass and Earth, Wind and Fire. Danny Embrey Guitar Danny is a local musician, guitar instructor and recording artist with an international reputation. He toured for many years with Sergio Mendez, was a member of Clare Fishers Latin Band and most recently has been touring with Concord recording artist, Karrin Allyson. Paul Smith - Piano/Synthesizer For over 30 years, Paul has maintained the perfect dual career a music teacher by day and a jazz musician by night. Paul has worked with a plethora of locally and nationally known jazz artists and has appeared at jazz festivals in Berlin and Montreaux. Kim Park Tenor Saxophone Kims father, John Park, was a very talented saxophonist in his own right, and both father and son toured with Stan Kentons band. John was also a good friend of Stan Getz, and you can feel the influence of both men in Kim's savvy, sophisticated approach.

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