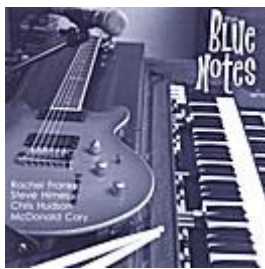


Mp3 The Blue Notes - Jazz: Traditional Jazz Combo



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"The Charleston Gazette" (Charleston, WV) described an earlier album by Steve Himes as "a cornucopia of free-spirited, funk-tinged, melodic jazz and R&B. This disc is more of the same with that inescapable Hammond B3 groove propelling it. 12 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo, BLUES: Rhythm Blues

Details: The Blue Notes is set up with the classic "Organ Trio" instrumentation: Hammond Organ, guitar and drums. Of course with this line up you'll hear jazz and blues in the style of the great organ trios (Jimmy Smith, Jack McDuff, etc.), but you'll also be treated with Brazilian, funk, hip-hop and other more modern styles in the mix. Add in the bonus of an exciting female vocalist and you have the recipe for music that's good enough to eat. And you won't leave the table hungry! The personnel on this CD: McDonald Cary, the heart and soul of the group, has delighted audiences of all ages with his mastery of the Hammond Organ. As a young man he was greatly influenced by Jimmy Smith and now, as a result, he is a complete player who is able to cover bass lines, chords and melody simultaneously. Mac's masterful technique and his ability to connect with audiences of all ages reflect his many years of experience in performing and teaching. Guitarist, Steve Himes, has delighted audiences for years. The Charleston (WV) Gazette has called him "one of the classiest jazz guitarists between the Potomac and Mississippi Rivers." "As a performer, Himes projects a casual confidence that reflects his wealth of experience..." This is his third album, having released two ("interchange" and Running ahead of time") with his earlier group, "The Steve Himes Connection". Chris Hudson ignites the grooves with his ability to play any style on the drums with ease. Whether it's a shuffle, swing, funk or any other rhythm, his superb technique helps propel the music to greater heights. He has solidly established himself as a performer, teacher and studio musician in the Charleston area. He was also the drummer in "The Steve Himes Connection" and appeared on both of the groups CD's. Rachel Franks adds her powerful vocals to the

group as well. Her influences range from Sarah Vaughn and other great jazz divas to current hip hop and R&B vocalists. Her incredible vocal range, emotional style and exceptional stage presence have made her a very popular addition to the Blue Notes. Enjoy!

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