

# Mp3 Calvin Weston's Big Tree - When We Were Young



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The sound of Big Tree has been compared to the likes of Miles Davis (Bitches Brew + beyond), Ornette Coleman, Pharoah Sanders, and John McLaughlin's Mahavishnu Orchestra. 16 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Free Jazz, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: Deep in the heart of North Philadelphia grows the Big Tree. It began as a collaborative effort between internationally known drummer Grant Calvin Weston and Philadelphia guitarist, via West Virginia, Jeff Monjack. As their musical venture grew it came to include, Philly's own legendary saxophonist, Elliott Levin, along with Tom and Frosty Spiker on bass multi percussions (respectfully), then a long time friend and band mate stemming back to Calvin's childhood Mr. Tony Cosby on congas. Calvin Weston's Big Tree was then able to root itself in Philly and grow to new heights. The unparalleled instrumentation of G. Calvin Weston's Big Tree takes listeners through a series of emotional compositions, which pay homage to the rich history of jazz, pan-African music and the avant-garde. Driven by the spirit of improvisation and polyrhythmic signatures Calvin's drumming delivers a highly captivating and interactive groove. Some whom have witnessed Big Tree perform left saying, "Big Tree provided the most intense and captivating set of the evening" and "Big Tree came out smoking from the beginning and by the end of the set the entire audience felt like they had had a workout." (Daniel Piotrowski - of Jazz Times Philly Weekly) Weston's collaborations, with Ornette Coleman, James 'Blood' Ulmer, John Zorn, Billy Martin, James Carter, Jamalladeen Tacuma, Marc Ribot, John Lurie's Lounge Lizards, and a list that could encompass pages, have made his passionate and unique art of drumming what it is today.

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