

Jim McNeely Trio

In This Moment

Jim McNeely (piano)
Lennart Ginman (bass)
Adam Nussbaum (drums)

We Europeans have come to appreciate him as a unique arranger, composer and leader of Stockholm Jazz Orchestra, The Metropole Orchestra, Westdeutscher Rundfunk Big Band and not least as leader of the Danish Radio Big Band. It is less known that he is an exceptional pianist, although it should be common knowledge, because in the 80's he played piano in the groups of Stan Getz, Phil Woods and Chet Baker. Still, there is only one other release with him fronting a trio, and that was long ago in France.

But here it is, the pianist Jim McNeely's long-awaited trio album, recorded during a break while rehearsing with the big band in Denmark's Radio's studios, with an old friend, drummer Adam Nussbaum, and a new friend, bassist Lennart Ginman, by his side.

These nine tracks show McNeely's loyalty towards the tradition, but also his desire to challenge it. Piano jazz of the finest kind: recognizable, captivating, challenging and deeply swinging. There are standards to hum along with, originals with punch and and beauty, and a touching reference to McNeely's Irish background.

"The three of us really enjoyed playing together to make this album. It was relaxed; it was intense; and it was fun. So we offer you these moments, the way they happened." Jim McNeely.

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