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Dennis Angel On Track TGR 2014



*Dennis Angel is part of the new sound for contemporary **instrumental music!***

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*Having been brutal on some contemporary artists because the difference between them can be measured by the thickness of a sheet of **paper**, running across a true original artist can be like a **breath** of fresh air. On Track is the follow up to Timeless Grooves and it boasts an all star lineup including but not limited to Will Lee, Kenny Barron and James Genus. The tunes are all originals with one **notable exception** but the sound finds that musical happy place somewhere between straight ahead and what some consider traditional smooth jazz. A release steeped in nuanced textures.*

*Two standout tracks immediately jump out including the Freddie Hubbard like "Soul Strut" and the more jazz nasty blues infused "Sunset Caf ." Angel is a lyrical*

*technician with a soulful and soul filled bent on taking one to that contemporary land of rhythm and groove. A smoldering and incredibly consistent flavor runs throughout the release even on the more dialed down tune "Serenity." Producer Jason Miles pulls a warm and incredibly organic sound out of these musical co-conspirators and allows them to simply focus on performance. Having heard major label trumpet / flugelhorn players not pull off originals much better than this, Dennis Angel is the real deal.*

*There is a fresh approach coming to contemporary instrumental music and Dennis Angel should figured heavily in that equation. Chet Baker meets Rick Braun? Maybe!*

*Call it smooth jazz, contemporary instrumental or whatever lets you sleep better at night but Dennis Angel is an artist worth a closer look and you can do just that:*

<http://dennisangelband.com/index.html>



Tracks: Soul Strut; I Like It Like That; My Love; Take Me Away; Serenity; Jubilation; Tea For Two; Sunset Café; This Song's For You; Dream Dancer.

Additional Personnel: George Porter Jr.: Electric Bass; Amanda Ruzza: Electric Bass; Tom "Bones" Malone: **Trombone**; Romero Lubambo: Acoustic Guitar; Nick Moroch: Guitar; J.T. Lewis; Drums; Brian Dunne: Drums; Adrian Harphan: Drums; Bashri Johnson: Percussion; Cyro Baptisata: Percussion; Maya Azucena: Vocals; James D. Train Williams: Vocals; Pamela Driggs: Vocals; Rebecca Angel: Vocals.

Dennis Angel: Flugelhorn; Jason Miles: Piano, Keyboards, Synthesizers, Strings; Gottfried Stoger: Tenor Sax, Soprano Sax and Flute.