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The David Joel Quartet - Spiral Sky



- The David Joel Quartet presents an emotionally-charged, diverse jazz fusion album with an electric sound uniquely their own in *Spiral Sky*, the Quartet's debut album.

The David Joel Quartet, headed by Berklee College of Music and New England Conservatory of Music graduate David Joel, boasts a number of talented members. With John Stenger on piano, Dan Monaghan on drums, and Paul Gehman on bass, the David Joel Quartet easily creates a distinctly contemporary sound complemented by masterful playing.

In the album's title track, "Spiral Sky," David Joel shows both his composing and playing prowess. Almost reminiscent of Maria Schneider or Pat Metheny, "Spiral Sky" features guitar and some truly excellent rhythmic techniques, highlighting the sonic, space-odyssey like theme of "Spiral Sky."

Companion tracks "Eastern Truth" and "Western Lies" stand out in this album, no easy task, as each track is cleverly crafted. In its intensely exotic introduction, "Eastern Truth" calls on traditionally "Oriental" sounds married with traditional jazz riffs. "Western Lies," the Occidental equivalent of "Eastern Truth," has Americana optimism, and, written in 5/4, shows the musical abilities of the Quartet's members.

Fusing modern jazz with gospel, funk, and rock traditions, the David Joel Quartet produces an album with virtually no weaknesses: each track is unique, a chapter in the story of *Spiral Sky*.

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