

UK CD REVIEWS . . .

THE MICHAEL TRACY QUARTET featuring DAVIDE LOGIRI – “Wingspan”

Sea Breeze Jazz SBJ-3092. 62.37 minutes

Kitchen in a Mess / Cloning / Samba for Tracy / Old Folks / Like Tyner / Wingspan / Emanuela’s Trouble / The Only Peace I Know / Freddie Freeloader / Antheme.

This is a very bright swinging quintet. The personnel is Michael Tracy – soprano / tenor, Davide Logiri – piano, Craig Wagner – guitar, Doug Elmore – bass, Terry O’Mahoney – drums. All are excellent soloists and the rhythm section is a joy. The first track features some attacking, very modern piano playing from Mr Logiri plus the soprano sax of M.T. plus some nice crisp drumming. The second track is a feature for the guitar of Craig Wagner and the tenor of M.T. with a funky feel to the music all done 6/4 and 4/4 time, whilst “Samba for Tracy” is a straight ahead samba with shifting textures. The CD puts me in mind of the music of Lennie Tristano which had a very modern concept. Incidentally I prefer Michael Tracy on tenor sax. One for the enthusiasts of modern small group jazz.



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