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# CECILE MCLORIN SALVANT WINNER DEC 4

In 2009, the magazine *Paris Hot Club* called her a "true and remarkable jazz singer…a young jazz prodigy" and Yves Sportis wrote about her "innate perfection" in *Jazz Hot* magazine.



### CHARENEE WADE DEC 11 IST BUNNER-UP

Charenee is currently a professor at the Aaron Copeland School of Music and her debut CD, *Love Walked In,* was released in summer 2010.



#### CYRILLE FLIMEE DEC 18

In 2007, Cyrille won first prize in the Montreux Jazz Vocal Competition. At 25 years old, she has amassed an impressive list of performances, including performances with Latin musicians such as pianist Jorge Tavera and vocalist Maridalia Hernandez.

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Here There...

Bossa Brasil & Mauricio de Souza Group
(Pulsa Music)
by Marcia Hillman

This CD really sounds like a group of talented musicians got together with songs that they liked, went into the studio and had a lot of fun. Drummer Mauricio de Souza spearheaded the project and enlisted Mike Stern (guitar), Andrew Beals (alto saxophone), Gregory Rivkin (trumpet/flugelhorn), Noah Haidu or Carl Viggiani (piano), Jerry Weir (vibraphone) and Morrie Louden (bass) to deliver a wide variety of material choices. De Souza is a talented drummer and the driving engine on this album, able to play in many styles with a delicate touch on the snare contrasting the heavy bottom of his bass drum.

The familiar Brazilian songs, Jobim's "Chovendo na Roseira" and Baden Powell-Vinicius de Moraes' "Consolocao", have a fresh new look. The former is given a "Take Five" time feel, building up to a spirited dialogue between Viggiani and de Souza. The latter is a fast samba featuring Viggiani and some interesting bass and drum statements. But the opening "Bebe" is an immediate attention-getter, a rousing samba that highlights the fluid sound of Weir's vibes powered by de Souza's deft drumming.

But this CD is not all Brazilian favorites. Joe Henderson's "Inner Urge" brings together Stern's vibrant sound, Haidu's flying fingers and Louden's melodic bass playing. Rivkin's horn is heard in a soulful rendition of the standard "I Can't Get Started" while also notable is the work done on Cedar Walton's "Firm Roots" by Beals. Each of the tracks on this album is a little gem and since there is enough variety to suit many tastes, this CD will probably garner much play. It is an exciting offering that is good for the ears and the spirit.

For more information, visit mauriciodesouzajazz.com. De Souza is at The Garage Dec. 5th and 16th. See Calendar.



Black Hawk Dance Scott DuBois (Sunnyside) by Kurt Gottschalk

Guitarist Scott DuBois' first release for Sunnyside, the 2008 quartet album *Banshees*, showed him to be a refreshingly individualistic composer and bandleader, capable of creating adventurous music that somehow didn't need to push too hard. Without overusing energy, speed or dissonance, DuBois crafted a set of tunes that were at once unique and quite listenable. DuBois seems to have found his own classic quartet with Gebhard Ullmann (reeds) and Kresten Osgood (drums), retaining bassist Thomas Morgan from the previous band. That quartet is back now with *Black Hawk Dance*, a set of seven new compositions that rarely act as if they have something to prove.

DuBois takes the name of his album from the

Native American chief of the Sauk Tribe who made his home in the middle of the country, near where the guitarist grew up some 200 years later. The music is far from the vocal-and-drum ritual the title might suggest, but then his previous album didn't sound much like banshees, either.

Musicology and political correctness arguments might be made, but if it doesn't quite evoke tribal life before European expansion, it's still a sound portrait of the prairie. Oceans and mountains may carry themes and activity, but the flatlands have breadth: not a lot of activity but still an enormous stage. This is how DuBois' music strikes: it's not so much what's going on as the swathe of space he creates within which something might happen. There's room to move.

Key to bringing this about, oddly enough, is a German horn player. Ullmann shares with DuBois an uncanny ability to suggest that he could go out without often needing to prove it. There's something in his tone (on tenor and soprano saxophones and bass clarinet) that says, "Just because I'm not screaming doesn't mean I can't." Rarely does he, or does DuBois for that matter, step in front of the rhythm section. Rather, they contain an easy contentment, Morgan and Osgood as well keeping pace rather than pushing it.

That pattern holds until the final five minutes of the record. "Louis Frederic" finds the band amping up, DuBois pushing his hollow-body guitar through a distortion pedal. It's strangely disjointed, especially given the 50 minutes that preceded it, and interesting that it was placed at the end rather than as a midpoint apogee. Here, perhaps, the band is saying, "We're screaming, but we don't need to."

For more information, visit sunnysiderecords.com. DuBois is at Miles' Café Dec. 4th and Tea Lounge Dec. 18th. See Calendar.



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