

# STEPHEN MARTIN


## HIGH PLAINS



*“Stephen Martin may be fond of a specific jazz segment from the past, but he knows how to frame it in the right way and immediately gives it a contemporary twist. He does that completely in the vein of Mark Turner and Chris Potter. A powerful and especially promising debut full of auditory fireworks.”*

**Georges Tonla Briquet, Jazz'halo, Belgium**

Full of inspired, fiery conviction, saxophonist Stephen Martin channels the Kansas City jazz ecosystem that nurtured his professional and musical development on *High Plains*, his second album as a leader. Teaming with the virtuosic vibraphonist / pianist Peter Schlamb, bassist Ben Leifer and drummer David Hawkins, Martin tears through the Coltrane-inspired original, “The Void,” and Frank Foster’s “Simone,” while Joe Henderson’s “Punjab” lopes and swings conversationally. The classic “Easy Living” delivers a ballad’s restraint while seeming ready to unfold and burst at any moment. With two of his mentors close at hand—saxophonists Bobby Watson & Matt Otto as a featured soloists, with Otto also producing the session—the atmosphere is loose, rollicking and familial, reflecting the shared sense of dialect, rhythm and purpose.

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- 1 **HORIZONS** 7:13
- 2 **THE VOID** 8:24
- 3 **EASY LIVING** 6:47
- 4 **STABLEMATES** 8:25 (feat. Bobby Watson)
- 5 **HIGH PLAINS** 5:56
- 6 **PUNJAB** 6:47
- 7 **EUPHONY** 7:52 (feat. Matt Otto)
- 8 **SIMONE** 7:20

**STEPHEN MARTIN** saxophone  
**PETER SCHLAMB** vibraphone & piano  
**BEN LEIFER** basses  
**DAVID HAWKINS** drums

Produced by Matt Otto  
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