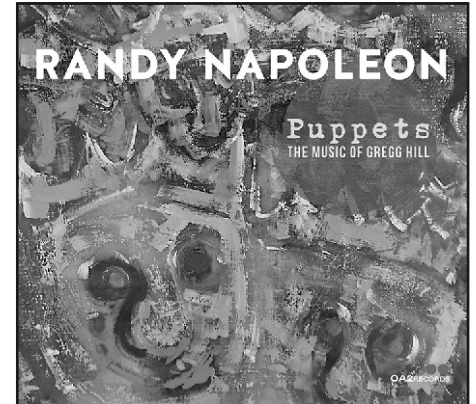


RANDY NAPOLEON


Puppets: THE MUSIC OF GREGG HILL



"(Napoleon) not only swings as hard as his musical heroes but matches them note-for-note when it comes to creative improvising."

ALL ABOUT JAZZ

While staying true to his roots as a guitarist deep in gratitude to Wes Montgomery and Grant Green, Randy Napoleon aspires to find new routes through the music and refine his already fully evolved voice. On *Puppets*, he teams with the prolific composer Gregg Hill, finding energy in Hill's quirky, out of the box melodies, and arranging them to keep the spirit of the tunes while amplifying Hill's intentions. He joins with longtime compatriots - three of the hardest swinging and creative voices in jazz, Rick Roe, Rodney Whitaker, and Quincy Davis - and features New York vocalist Aubrey Johnson on several Napoleon-penned lyrics. As his former employer Freddie Cole reminded him often, "It's not only how good you play, it's about how you present the music." Napoleon takes the advice to heart, continually swinging while looking to keep his audience surprised and inspired.

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- 1 **Andy's Lament** 5:19
- 2 **Fan-O-Gram** 5:54
- 3 **The Jazzdiddy Waltz** 4:19
- 4 **Lyrca** 7:10
- 5 **Moonscape** 7:03
- 6 **Puppets** 7:28
- 7 **Still Life with Tuba** 6:28
- 8 **The Unknown Ballade** 6:20
- 9 **Tone Colors** 6:40
- 10 **Truck Driver's Blues** 3:33
- 11 **Wide River** 3:16

Randy Napoleon Guitar
Aubrey Johnson Vocals
Rick Roe Piano
Rodney Whitaker Bass
Quincy Davis Drums
Brandon Rose Bass (2)
Will Crandell Drums (2)
Seth Ebersole Bass clar. (5,6,7,8), Flute (3,4,5)

Produced by Gregg Hill & Randy Napoleon
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Compositions by Gregg Hill / Arranged by Randy Napoleon
Lyrics by Gregg Hill (10) & Randy Napoleon (6,8,11)

Marketing:

- Home base: DETROIT, LANSING
- 2021's "Rust Belt Roots," 10 Weeks Top 50 Airplay Charts
- Midwest Performances
- Established radio & internet marketing
- 2nd Album on OA2 Records

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