

# New Release

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# Jun Iida

## EVERGREEN


*"Iida displays a modern approach that embraces Marquis Hill, as much as Lee Morgan."* **Earshot Jazz**

Trumpeter Jun Iida's warm, inviting tone, astute composition choices and his sublime sense of melody lead the way on his debut recording. After spending 5 years in Los Angeles and 3 in Seattle, *Evergreen* memorializes the musical focus and development that transpired over those years, as he moves on to new adventures in New York. Recorded in Los Angeles, Jun brought together L.A. friends Josh Nelson on piano, guitarist Masami Kuroki and bassist Jonathan Richards, along with the dynamic Seattle drummer Xavier Lecouturier. New York vocalist Aubrey Johnson brilliantly adds to Jun's soaring melodies with her often wordless vocals, and sings in Japanese on a song from Jun's childhood, "Akatombo," and the J-pop anime song "Shiki no Uta," both in a nod to Jun's family heritage. Between the swinging "Goey Butter Cake" and "Bellarosa," to the haunting "Theme from Spartacus," or the spacious title track, Jun shares a sparkling and compelling message that's sure to resonate.

- 1 GOOEY BUTTER CAKE 4:46
- 2 AKATOMBO 6:36
- 3 EVERGREEN 6:08
- 4 SHIKI NO UTA 3:15
- 5 BELLAROSA 4:10
- 6 FORGOTTEN MEMORIES 6:30
- 7 LOVE THEME FROM SPARTACUS 3:59
- 8 MY ANGUISH IN SOLIDARITY 8:31
- 9 SONG FOR LUKE 7:42
- 10 HOLDING ON TO AUTUMN 7:09

Compositions by Jun Iida | Jun Iida Music, except:  
 (2) Kosaku Yamada, (4) Jun Seba & Michiko Kuwano,  
 (5) Sonny Rollins & Elmo Hope, (7) Alex North & Terry Callier



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JUN IIDA TRUMPET (*June - Eee-da*)  
 AUBREY JOHNSON VOCALS  
 MASAMI KUROKI GUITAR (*Mah-sah-mee - Koo-doh-kee*)  
 JOSH NELSON PIANO, RHODES  
 JONATHAN RICHARDS BASS  
 XAVIER LECOUTURIER DRUMS (*Zah-vee-yay - Loo-coo-ter-ee-yay*)

Produced by Jun Iida / Co-produced by Josh Nelson  
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