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RANDY NAPOLEON

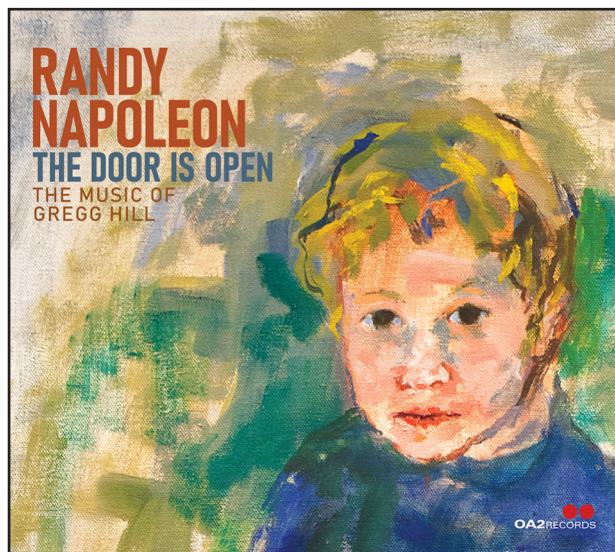
THE DOOR IS OPEN

THE MUSIC OF GREGG HILL

"...one of the truly premier players on his instrument anywhere. His dexterity, fluid ideas and command of a tricky instrument must be recognized as top drawer." **JAZZ GUITAR TODAY**

Guitarist Randy Napoleon soars on this new collection of tunes by the prolific jazz composer Gregg Hill. The core of his ongoing band in tact, their freedom to expand boundaries, surprise, or just lock into an unassailable swing is readily available to enjoy. In 2014, after more than a decade in New York City, and traveling the world with Freddie Cole, Michael Buble and others, he found himself in the middle of the thriving jazz center that Lansing, Michigan had become since bassist Rodney Whitaker's arrival almost 25 years ago. Along with his bandmates, pianist Rick Roe, Whitaker, and drummer Quincy Davis, composer Gregg Hill has added an energized compositional voice to the scene, enticing Napoleon, Whitaker, Michael Dease, and others into inspired collaborations. Here, Napoleon is free to stretch, bend and expand on Hill's central themes, and the musical rapport he shares with visiting NY vocalist Aubrey Johnson over his last two albums has added a whole new dimension to his repertoire that will undoubtedly also seep into Hill's future works.

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| 1 | THE LOST TUNE | 7:34 | RANDY NAPOLEON GUITAR |
| 2 | THE DOOR IS OPEN | 6:28 | AUBREY JOHNSON VOCALS |
| 3 | ESCAPE TO CAT ISLAND | 5:01 | RICK ROE PIANO |
| 4 | MOTEL BLUES | 5:52 | RODNEY WHITAKER BASS (2,3,6,8,9) |
| 5 | SPA-TENEITY | 6:20 | LUCAS LAFAVE BASS (1,4,5,7) |
| 6 | APRIL SONG | 7:35 | QUINCY DAVIS DRUMS |
| 7 | THE LAST POP TUNE | 4:45 | <i>HORNS (2,3,4,8,9):</i> |
| 8 | SKYLINE | 5:34 | ANTHONY STANCO TRUMPET |
| 9 | TRIPLE PLAY | 4:10 | WALTER BLANDING TENOR SAX |
| | | | ANDREW KIM TROMBONE |



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