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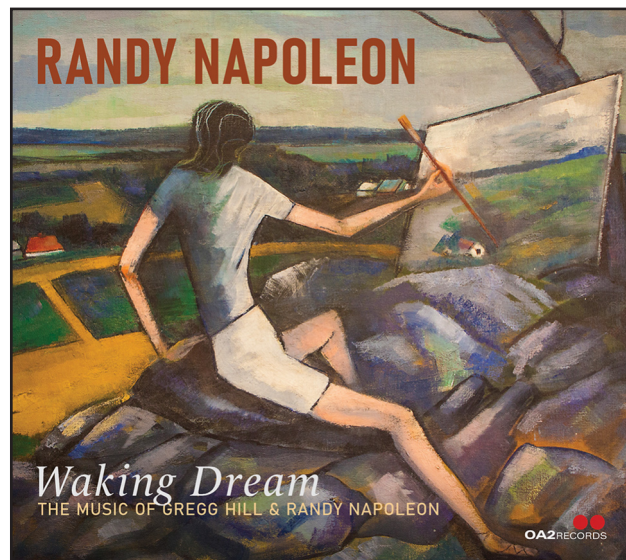
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RANDY NAPOLEON

Waking Dream

THE MUSIC OF GREGG HILL & RANDY NAPOLEON



"...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**

Surrounded by the brilliant musical family who have centered his band for years—bassist Rodney Whitaker, pianist Rick Roe and drummer Quincy Davis—guitarist Randy Napoleon calls back four of his fleet-fingered, virtuoso former guitar students to share the stage and build up something new for this ambitious album, his 10th as a leader. Centered on compositions from the prolific Gregg Hill, along with several of his own, he arranged each for this 5-guitar choir of musicians, all connected through years of Napoleon's mentorship, each fully evolved in their own artistry. Whether adding other-worldly harmonic density, lush string-like backgrounds, subtle counter melodies or cascading rhythmic intrigue, "Waking Dream" comes across as a one-of-a-kind sonic experience, while still in the mainstream of modern jazz recordings. *"...one of the more admired guitarists today...a superb musician, much sought-after for his idiomatic interpretations."* **RAUL DA GAMA**

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MARKETING:

- Home Markets: MICHIGAN, NEW YORK
- Promotion by KARI-ON PRODUCTIONS
- National Performances
- International press & radio service
- DownBeat full-page label ad

GUESTS:

RANDY NAPOLEON
LUKE SITTARD
CHRIS MINAMI
JOCELYN GOULD
BEN TURNER
GUITARS

RICK ROE
PIANO

RODNEY WHITAKER
BASS

QUINCY DAVIS
DRUMS

WALTER BLANDING
TENOR SAX (10)

MICHAEL DEASE
TROMBONE (8)

ANTHONY STANCO
TRUMPET (2)

LANGSTON KITCHEN
BASS (6,7)

MICHAEL J. REED
DRUMS (6,7)

LYNNE BROWN
GUIRO (2)

Produced by Gregg Hill & Randy Napoleon
Engineered, mixed and mastered by Corey DeRushia
at Troubadour Recording Studios, Lansing, MI
Recorded November 18-19, 2024
Cover painting by Fay Kleinman
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Compositions: (1,4,8,10) by Randy Napoleon &
(2,3,5,6,7,9) by Gregg Hill / Arranged by Randy Napoleon

- 1 *Super Moon* 7:35
- 2 *The Speckled Frog* 8:29
- 3 *Waking Dream* 7:05
- 4 *Two Thoughts* 7:28
- 5 *Cafe Brasilia* 5:31
- 6 *The Singer* 5:41
- 7 *52 Pickup* 5:27
- 8 *Riverside Blossoms* 8:07
- 9 *Jo Jo Jo* 7:57
- 10 *Boom Boom* 5:45

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