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STEVE KOVALCHECK BUCKSHOT BLUES

JEFF HAMILTON
JON HAMAR

"...swinging hard and shining!" **Jazz Guitar Today**

Shaped by years of collaboration, *Buckshot Blues* captures guitarist Steve Kovalcheck's trio chemistry with the famed drummer Jeff Hamilton and bassist Jon Hamar. It highlights the trio's unique blend of precision, spontaneity, and playfulness through 13 mostly original tunes. Filled with soulful grooves and expressive blues inflections, Kovalcheck's melodic clarity and improvisational storytelling shines through as he pays tribute to mentors and friends through titles such as "Donald's Juke Joint," for pianist Donald Brown, or "Bright Child," in memory of organist Akiko Tsuruga, their bandmate who was lost too soon. The result is a vibrant, heartfelt recording that celebrates the spirit of the tradition while carving out a sound that distinctly belongs to this gifted trio of friends. *"...Steve Kovalcheck exudes soul."*

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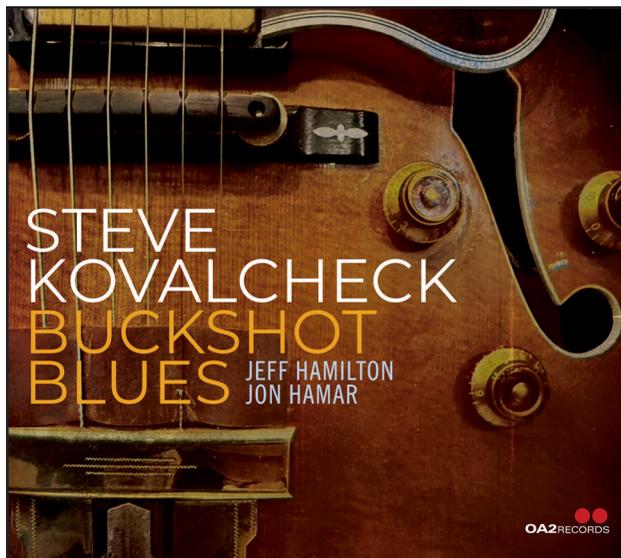
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STEVE KOVALCHECK
guitar

JON HAMAR
bass

JEFF HAMILTON
drums

All compositions by STEVE KOVALCHECK, except:
(2) BOB HAGGART & JOHNNY BURKE; (6) JON HAMAR;
(8) HARRY WARREN, MORT DIXON, JOE YOUNG;
(11) JOHNNY MERCER & HOAGY CARMICHAEL;
(13) GEOFF MACK



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