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BENJAMIN BOONE THE POETS ARE GATHERING

MARISOL BACA DONALD BROWN, II KIMIKO HAHN JUAN FELIPE HERRERA
LEE HERRICK EDWARD HIRSCH T.R. HUMMER TYEHIMBA JESS
DUSTIN PRESTRIDGE PATRICIA SMITH PATRICK SYLVAIN

"There are incantations and supplications to be found here. Also: elegies and headlines, howls and mantras, reveries and outbursts. They instruct and affirm. They urge you to dance while offering road maps to reflection. They rouse you from deep slumber and offer solace for your worst nightmares."

GENE SEYMOUR

The Poets Are Gathering is the third in a series of acclaimed recordings from saxophonist/composer Benjamin Boone that integrate the music & poems from some of America's leading jazz musicians and Poet Laureates, Guggenheim fellows and Pulitzer Prize winners. Where *The Poetry of Jazz* volumes offered the voice of the late U.S. Poet Laureate Philip Levine, here, notable contributors include Tyehimba Jess, Juan Felipe Herrera, Patricia Smith, T.R. Hummer, and Edward Hirsch, along with pianist Kenny Werner, guitarist Ben Monder and drummer Ari Hoenig, among many others. This recording possesses a visceral, in-the-moment force as the poetry responds to the roiling, insurgent energies against racism and other societal ills. The themes of immigration, racism, homelessness, poverty, abuse, protests, and war can overwhelm and distress, but through the voices of some of the world's great literary minds there are clues to be found to absorb the blows, summon the spirits, engage the moment and as Tyehimba Jess suggests, "murder the silence" that threatens to immobilize us, to keep us away from the reasons to commit, to deal, to hope — and, above all, to imagine.

BENJAMIN BOONE SOPRANO & ALTO SAXOPHONES
KENNY WERNER PIANO (2,3,8,14,15)
CORCORAN HOLT BASS (3,8,14,15)
ARI HOENIG DRUMS (3,8,14,15)
DAVID AUS PIANO (1,11)
PATRICK OLVERA BASS (1,5,6,7,9)
RAY MOORE DRUMS (1)
CRAIG VONBERG PIANO (4,5,6,7,9)
NATHAN GUZMAN DRUMS (5,6,7,9)
RICHARD JUAREZ PERCUSSION (5,6,7,9)

ATTICUS BOONE TENOR SAXOPHONE (5)
ASHER BOONE TRUMPET (5)
HASHEM ASSADULLAHI SOP/AL SAXES (10,12)
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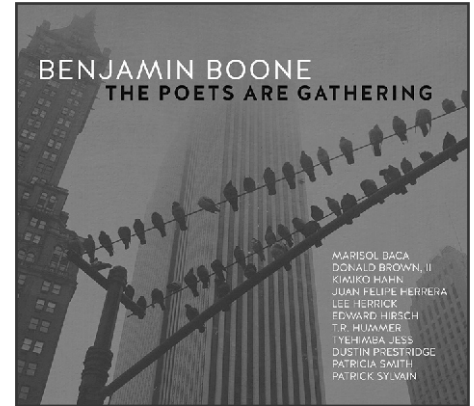
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- 1 **THAT'S MY SON THERE** 3:32 (SMITH)
 - 2 **MAROONING** 3:45 (SYLVAIN)
 - 3 **AGAINST SILENCE** 4:34 (JESS)
 - 4 **POEM BY POEM** 3:40 (HERRERA)
 - 5 **DECONSTRUCTION OF IDOLS** 8:21 (PRESTRIDGE)
 - 6 **TRUTHS** 5:25 (LEE HERRICK)
 - 7 **THE POETS ARE GATHERING** 11:45 (HERRERA)
 - 8 **SONG** 2:37 (EDWARD HIRSCH)
 - 9 **SPIRAL** 3:40 (MARISOL BACA)
 - 10 **THE SUN ONE (HOMAGE TO SUN RA)** 2:45 (HUMMER)
 - 11 **YOUR MAN*** 2:38 (SMITH)
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- 12 **IMPERVIOUS BLUE** 2:44 (HUMMER)
 - 13 **BLACK MAN** 3:51 (BROWN, II)
 - 14 **PORTS OF SORROW** 4:29 (SYLVAIN)
 - 15 **BRANCH LIBRARY** 1:55 (HIRSCH)
 - 16 **THESE CURRENT EVENTS*** 6:07 (HAHN)
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Narration by the Poets
Music Arranged by Benjamin Boone