

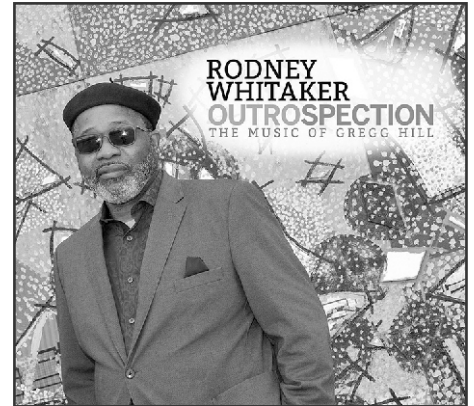


New Release

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RODNEY WHITAKER OUTROSPECTION THE MUSIC OF GREGG HILL



"The variety is broad and the band itself can blow up a storm!"

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The charismatic performances that distinguish *Outrospection* center on the 11 expressive compositions from Gregg Hill, an under-the-radar composer of imagination and emotional depth. Renowned bassist Rodney Whitaker first recognized Hill's music several years ago, and soon after they teamed up for the 2018 release, *Common Ground*. Warmth and humanity resonate throughout the recording, grown out of their friendship, two men of disparate generations and backgrounds who found each other through the music. "We both know how to listen," Whitaker reflects. "Our common ground is the music. It's really the great neutralizer." The exceptional improvisors joining Whitaker are drawn primarily from the jazz faculty at Michigan State University, the program he has helmed for two decades. Forming quartets and quintets with the rest of the rhythm section, Xavier Davis on piano and drummer Dana Hall, are Etienne Charles on trumpet, trombonist Michael Dease, saxophonists Diego Rivera and Marcus Elliott. Rockelle Whitaker contributes lyrics and vocals to four of Hill's compositions.

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All music composed by Gregg Hill & arranged by Rodney Whitaker, Lyrics by Rockelle Whitaker (2,5,7,9)

Produced by Gregg Hill and Rodney Whitaker
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RODNEY WHITAKER bass
XAVIER DAVIS piano
DANA HALL drums
RANDY GELISPIE drums (1,6)

ROCKELLE WHITAKER vocals (2,5,7,9)
ETIENNE CHARLES trumpet (3,10,11)
MICHAEL DEASE trombone (1,6)
DIEGO RIVERA saxophone (2,4,7,8)
MARCUS ELLIOT saxophone (9,11)
RANDY NAPOLEON guitar (5)

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