



# New Release

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# BEN THOMAS TANGO PROJECT

## ETERNAL APORIA

*"Thomas's crisp and logical solos, technical alacrity and witty compositions have been a dependable pleasure."*

SEATTLE TIMES

Coming from a rich career as a jazz vibraphonist and composer, Ben Thomas found himself enthralled by the sounds and history of tango music, first as a dancer and then as an avid student of the bandoneon. Through his fifteen-year journey, Thomas took trips to Buenos Aires to hear & study with the masters, eventually finding his own voice in the music and performing widely. With "Eternal Aporia," Thomas presents the debut recording of his Tango trio with clarinetist Eric Likkell and bassist Steve Schermer, exploring tango through its encounters with new times and new influences. Following the lead of some of the leaders of the current scene in Buenos Aires, such as Diego Schissi and Exequiel Mantega, Thomas builds his intricate pieces combining rhythmic intensity with lush harmonies, whimsy, and an emphasis on story telling. "Ben is a great composer, and an energetic performer who knows how deep music can go." - Jovino Santos Neto

**BEN THOMAS** BANDONEON, VIBRAPHONE, PERCUSSION  
**ERIC LIKKEL** CLARINET, BASS CLARINET  
**STEVE SCHERMER** BASS  
**GRETCHEN YANOVER** CELLO (1,4,9,10,11)  
**BRANDON VANCE** VIOLIN (1,10)  
**JONATHAN GEER** PIANO (1,10)



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- 1 TANGENT 7 3:01
- 2 SAFEGUARDS 4:08
- 3 ETERNAL APORIA 5:05
- 4 BLOOD DIMMED TIDE 1:44
- 5 FLIGHTS WITHOUT AIR 4:12
- 6 A WISTFUL ESCHATON 4:06
- 7 LITTLE BIRDS 4:13
- 8 FLOWERS OF RAGE 0:50
- 9 TANGENT 5 4:33
- 10 THE SPACE BETWEEN 4:43
- 11 WE WERE NEVER PERFECT 0:51
- 12 SOMETHING VENTURED 5:07

Composed, Recorded & Produced by Ben Thomas

Produced by Ben Thomas  
Recorded & mixed by Ben Thomas at  
Concinnity Studio, Seattle, WA / May-September, 2021  
Clarinet recorded by Eric Likkell at  
Clarinet Cowboy Studio, Seattle, WA  
Piano recorded by Jonathan Geer at  
Pot of Earth Studios, Austin, TX  
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