



New Release

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JORDAN VANHEMERT

NOMAD

RODNEY WHITAKER DAVID ALVAREZ III



"The craft is tight, the feeling is refreshing, the sound is quick and precise... covering a full range of expressive energy."

ALL ABOUT JAZZ

With *Nomad*, tenor saxophonist Jordan VanHemert celebrates Korean culture through the melodies of both ancient & contemporary folk & children's songs, distilled through a modern jazz aesthetic and the open sonic canvas of the saxophone trio. His warm sound, unhurried phrasing and swinging melodicism is perfectly suited for high-level exploration of the jazz canon, but here, mainly with the eminent bassist Rodney Whitaker and David Alvarez III on drums, VanHemert offers a new repertoire, reminiscent of the creative choices rolled out by Sonny Rollins's trios over the decades. Following his 2021 release, *I Am Not A Virus*, which dealt head-on with the reality of anti-Asian hate crimes and prejudice, *Nomad* "...wanders and weaves through the story of our complex relationships with being Korean American. There is joy, there is sorrow (han), and through it all, there is the authenticity of the Asian American experience."

Jordan VanHemert - saxophone
Rodney Whitaker - bass
David Alvarez III - drums

Sharon Cho - vocals (3,7)
Lisa Sung - piano (3,7)
Nathan Borton - guitar (3)
John Webber - bass (3)
Max Colley III - drums (3)
Jeff Shoup - drums (7)

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- 1 **Bird, Bird, Bluebird** 5:41
- 2 **Imjin River Song** 6:26
- 3 **Half Moon** 4:38
- 4 **Doraji Taryeong** 6:21
- 5 **Arirang Alone** 3:53
- 6 **Spring in My Hometown** 3:47
- 7 **Arirang Alone** 5:45
- 8 **Half Moon** 4:36

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Recorded by Josef Deas at Big Sky Recording,
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except: (3,7) Recorded by Drew Elliot at
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on June 7, 2021 (3), & Hope College Studios,
Holland, MI, Mar. 27, 2021 (7)
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