



New Release

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ANTHONY BRANKER & IMAGINE

WHAT PLACE CAN BE FOR US?

A SUITE IN TEN MOVEMENTS

"Honing a hybrid of freewheeling post-bop and social commentary...Branker incorporates these elements in broad, bold strokes, like a muralist. He has yet to make a bad record."

JAZZTIMES

For his eighth release on Origin Records, composer Dr. Anthony Branker presents this captivating ten-movement suite that speaks to notions of "Place" and the overarching issues of inclusion and belonging, as well as circumstances of exploitation and zones of refuge experienced by people of color and other global citizens. It is brilliantly performed by the latest edition of his group Imagine, featuring tenor saxophonist Walter Smith III, trumpeter Philip Dizack, alto saxophonist Remy Le Boeuf, guitarist Pete McCann, pianist Fabian Almazan, bassist Linda May Han Oh, drummer Donald Edwards, and vocalist/spoken-word artist Alison Crockett. Branker's ensemble takes his expansive compositional vision and infuses it with passionate performances drenched with lyrical flow and ingenious rhythmic interplay. "(Branker) illuminates the pungent individuality of each musician without compromising the prominence of his own voice..." - JAZZIZ

WALTER SMITH III TENOR SAXOPHONE
PHILIP DIZACK TRUMPET
REMY LE BOEUF ALTO & SOPRANO SAXOPHONES
PETE MCCANN GUITAR
FABIAN ALMAZAN PIANO
LINDA MAY HAN OH DOUBLE & ELECTRIC BASS
DONALD EDWARDS DRUMS
ALISON CROCKETT VOCALS & SPOKEN WORD
ANTHONY BRANKER COMPOSER & MUSICAL DIRECTOR

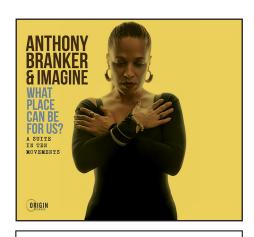
Walter Smith III appears courtesy of the Capitol Music Group (CMG) and Blue Note Records

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Produced by Anthony Branker Recorded by Mike Marciano of Systems Two, New York at Samurai Hotel Recording Studios, Astoria, NY, 8/5/22 Vocals Recorded by Brian Sullivan, Upper Marlboro, MD 10/21/22 Mixed by Mike Marciano & Anthony Branker at Systems Two, NY Mastered by Mike Marciano, New York Front cover photo by Deneka Peniston Liner notes by Michael Ambrosino

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file: JAZZ

- 1 THE DOOR OF NO RETURN 8:53
- 2 SUNDOWN TOWN 7:21
- 3 **I, TOO, SING AMERICA** 4:04
- 4 INDIVISIBLE 6:04
- 5 WE WENT WHERE THE WIND TOOK US 4:47
- 6 WHAT PLACE CAN BE FOR US? 8:30
- 7 SUNKEN PLACE 4:43
- 8 THE TRAIL OF TEARS TO Standing Rock 6:03
- 9 SANCTUARY CITY 5:42
- 10 **PLACELESS** 5:45

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