



New Release

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ANTHONY BRANKER & ASCENT with RALPH PETERSON, JR. SPIRIT SONGS



"...Branker's compositions are luxuriously packaged in both classical and jazz forms, blending and intermingling to the point of no longer knowing what planet we are on, except for that of an exceptional composer..." **PARIS MOVE**

Composer Anthony Branker's ninth album for Origin Records is a re-issue of his debut recording for Sons of Sound Records in 2006. This was Branker's first recording as a composer/bandleader writing specifically for his ensemble, "Ascent," the first of his three collectives that would establish him as an important emerging writer and "a force to be reckoned with in the world of modern post-bop jazz." *Spirit Songs* is a bold, spacious recording that showcases Branker's earlier compositions, rooted in modal harmonies, displaying a unique sense of lyricism and full of highly rhythmic grooves, based in the world of jazz but blended with culturally diverse musical styles. At the center of the recording is the inspired, fiery and always surprising drumming of the late, great Ralph Peterson, Jr., who, along with trombonist Clifford Adams Jr, this reissue is dedicated in the memory of. With saxophonists Antonio Hart and Ralph Bowen, pianist Jonny King, and bassist John Benitez, *Spirit Songs* marked an auspicious debut for this formidable composer whose "place in Jazz has been consistently building unique architectures that speak to the cultural reparation of allowing this art form to thrive as protest music."

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RALPH BOWEN
TENOR & SOPRANO SAXOPHONES

ANTONIO HART
ALTO & SOPRANO SAXOPHONES

CLIFFORD ADAMS, JR.
TROMBONE

JONNY KING
PIANO

JOHN BENITEZ
DOUBLE BASS

RALPH PETERSON, JR.
DRUMS

ANTHONY BRANKER COMPOSER & MUSICAL DIRECTOR

MARKETING:

- Home Markets: NEW YORK
- International press & radio service
- Promotion by Lisa Reedy - www.jazzpromotion.com

- 1 Chant for Peace Eternal 7:08
- 2 Parris in April 8:30
- 3 Spirit Song 7:29
- 4 Sketches of Selim 7:20
- 5 Imani (Faith) 6:45
- 6 In God's Hands 6:00
- 7 Mentor 8:05
- 8 J.C.'s Passion 7:54

Composed & arranged by
Anthony Branker, (J PROF Music, BMI)

Produced by Anthony Branker
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Mixed by Mike Marciano & Anthony Branker
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