



New Release

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Jordan VanHemert

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

Terell Stafford Michael Dease Helen Sung
Rodney Whitaker Lewis Nash

"...an emotive, adventurous and timeless spirit of jazz that's globally enjoyable." **Take Effect Magazine**

On a quest of growth and mastery as a saxophonist, composer and musician, Jordan VanHemert found equally important his efforts to contextualize difficulties of his life experiences. Within some deeper themes, including coming of age as a Korean adoptee, he's discovered in the process, resilience, optimism and joy. Jordan's music is meant to convey empathy and solidarity to others, and this album, Jordan's fifth as a leader, effectively fulfills these simultaneous pursuits. His stellar band includes Terell Stafford, Michael Dease, Helen Sung, Rodney Whitaker, and Lewis Nash. *"Brilliance, sparkle and punctuation are the key words of this album, to which we must also add melodicism and the intelligent spontaneity of harmonic interactions."* – Couleurs Jazz, Paris



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- 1 Here and Now 5:42
- 2 Tread Lightly 7:10
- 3 Mourning Comes Again 5:48
- 4 Softly as in a Morning Sunrise 4:51
- 5 Sea of Tranquility 6:19
- 6 Come Sunday 7:21
- 7 Milyang Arirang 6:01
- 8 Mo's Blues 8:01
- 9 Survival of the Fittest 6:33

Jordan VanHemert saxophone
Terell Stafford trumpet/flugelhorn
Michael Dease trombone
Helen Sung piano
Rodney Whitaker bass
Lewis Nash drums

Compositions by Jordan VanHemert, except:
(4) Sigmund Romberg; (6) Duke Ellington;
(7) Korean Traditional; (8) Wyatt Harris.
Arrangements by Jordan VanHemert

PRODUCED BY MICHAEL DEASE
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STUDIOS, EAST LANSING, MI
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