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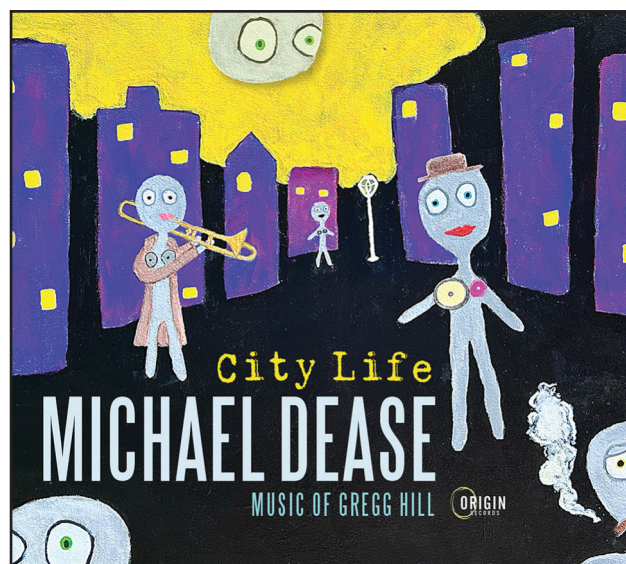
City Life

MICHAEL DEASE

MUSIC OF GREGG HILL

"Dease proves yet again that straight-ahead post-bop can prove to be fertile ground for musical ingenuity and emotional heft as he tips, grandly, to composer Gregg Hill." **DOWNBEAT**

Michael Dease has fully earned his stature as one of the great trombonists and jazz figures of these times. His formidability on the instrument, matched by his pursuit of inspired musical challenges and robust partnerships, is fully on display in the double CD, "City Life," his third album devoted to the music of composer Gregg Hill. Teaming with two of the more powerful voices in music – bassist Linda May Oh and drummer Jeff "Tain" Watts – Dease devotes Disc One to a kinetically charged trio environment, capturing the gritty side of City Life by sparring freely with his trio mates while they masterfully cohabitate the flow of time. Disc Two adds saxophonist Nicole Glover and pianist Geoffrey Keezer to the soundscape, which may reflect a sophisticated counterview, with each disc capturing a perspective of the contradictions that make up "City Life." *"Dease modernizes the style significantly, energizes it, and gives it a new dimension. He skillfully handles both the most lively and the most poetic..."* **PARIS MOVE**



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DISC ONE - TRIO

- 1 Willow Walks In 5:03
- 2 City Life 6:29
- 3 Danger Zone 5:05
- 4 Movie Theme 4:53
- 5 Sweet Georgia Gillespie 4:15
- 6 Double Bill 5:14
- 7 Claxilever 4:26
- 8 Catalyst 7:16
- 9 Say Whaaat? 4:41
- 10 Movie Theme (Reprise) 6:11

Compositions by Gregg Hill, except:
(5) J.J. Johnson; (9) Sharel Cassity

DISC TWO - QUINTET

- 1 Tea Time 6:08
- 2 The Classic II 7:11
- 3 Grave Concerns 6:31
- 4 Mr. Hurt 6:59
- 5 Rainy Afternoon 5:43
- 6 Enigma 6:16
- 7 Skittles 6:03
- 8 Blues for Herb 4:50
- 9 Lafayette Square 4:56

Compositions by Gregg Hill, except:
(3,7) Michael Dease; (4) Gregory Tardy;
(6) J.J. Johnson; (8) Emily Remler

MICHAEL DEASE

trombone

LINDA MAY HAN OH

bass*

JEFF "TAIN" WATTS

drums

NICOLE GLOVER (DISC TWO)

tenor saxophone

GEOFFREY KEEZER (DISC TWO)

piano

JARED BECKSTEAD-CRAAN bass (D2: 4,6)*
BROOKLYN DEASE voice (D1: 4,10)

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