

START HERE, FINISH THERE

The David Berkman Quartet

This is David Berkman's fourth CD for the Palmetto label and includes his working band of Dick Oatts on saxophones, Ugonna Okegwo on acoustic bass, Nasheet Waits on drums. The Quartet makes amazing musicals statements on 10 compositions that Berkman delivered from the depths of his artistic temperaments and observations. This musical experience begins with "Cells" a reference to the many subversive factions currently roaming the globe and seques into "Triceratops" and "Iraq." Oatts delivers a middle-Eastern flavored solo that depicts the country's interior and causes the listener's aural senses to reflect upon the present challenges the population is undergoing there. The musical journey continues with "English As A Second Language." Berkman's unique piano sensibilities and style of playing offers a one-of-a-kind musical interpretation. "Quilt" is a pensive undertaking and is one of the many highlights on this stellar program. Berkman concludes this set with "Mean Things Happening In This World," a still- relevant composition written by Woodie Guthrie back in the 60s and still has you wondering "When will the powers that be get it right?" Needless to say, START HERE, FINISH THERE can be included among David Berkman's major works because of its in-depth but entertaining reflections upon his successful starts and successful finishes. ORDER START HERE, FINISH THERE today.

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