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CD The New York Second - Music at Night

"My goal in music was and is to express the inexpressible" - said Dutch composer, arranger and pianist Harald Walkate. His professional musician's life began after decades. Born in 1970, he started playing piano ten years later and started composing in 1990. And since 2015, his musical journey has revolved around The New York Second, a band he founded to play and record his compositions. The New York Second is a musical ensemble based in the Netherlands, founded in 2015. It features the compositions of bandleader and pianist Harald Walkate and has released three albums to date: Bay of Poets (2017), Emergo (2020) and Music at Night (2022).

The group has performed as a quartet, a quintet and - on its latest album Music at Night - as a septet. These seven instrumentalists – a selection of the best of the Dutch jazz scene – play exclusively compositions by their leader Harald Walkate and there are exactly nine of them and one reprise in abridged form.

It's a mix of contemporary music and modern jazz, many times culminating in passages of swinging melodies and almost big band bravura. The nine tracks may be inspired by bedtime stories, but this is by no means music to listen to before bed.

Dutch pianist Harald Walkate is accompanied by perhaps the best line-up of young and established musicians to be found in the Netherlands today, with almost every one of them being a bandleader in their own right. The aforementioned mix is captivating and is guaranteed to win the hearts of listeners.

This is also thanks to the influences of soul, Latin and classical music. Let yourself be drawn into this world of atmospheric, poetic and even cinematic music!

Playing:

Harald Walkate - piano

Vincent Veneman - trombone

Jesse Schilderink - tenor saxophone

Teus Nobel - trumpet

Mark Alban Lotz - alto flute

Thomas Pol - double bass

Max Sergeant - drums