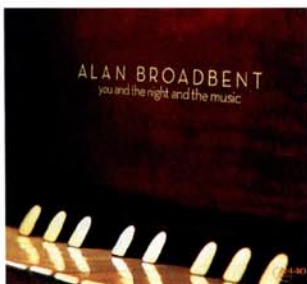


Alan Broadbent
You And The Night And The Music

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With his trio release *You And The Night And The Music*, pianist Alan Broadbent proves just how deserving he is of his reputation as a musician's musician. Alongside bassist Brian Bromberg and drummer Joe LaBarbera, Broadbent confidently paces through seven standards that bring out the best of his abilities. While known for the rich harmonic texturing of his big band and jazz orchestra charts, here he boils his style down to the thoughtful gestures of melodic conversation. This approach takes the form of flirtation-turned-seduction as the trio slinks its way through



the title track. Elsewhere, as with "Dearly Beloved," Broadbent turns more of the dialogue inward by trading barbs between his own single-line arabesques and rapid-fire harmonizations. The beauty of Broadbent's approach is that it draws out his bandmates by involving them in the discussion and allowing them to tell a story of their own. In particular, Bromberg imbues Lee Morgan's "Ceora" with a sway that counterbalances Broadbent's restraint. —*John Kreichbergs*

You And The Night And The Music: You And The Night And The Music; I Wish I Knew; With The Wind And The Rain In Her Hair; Baubles, Bangles And Beads; Ceora; What's New; Dearly Beloved. (53:05)

Personnel: Alan Broadbent, piano; Brian Bromberg, bass; Joe LaBarbera, drums.

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