



This Is Book's Music

Music reviews, news, opinions + more | BooksMusica [at] gmail [dot] com

REVIEW: Thomas Lorenzo Quartet's "Spanish Breeze"

Posted on [January 27, 2010](#)



Upon looking at the cover for Thomas Lorenzo Quartet's *Spanish Breeze* (Barcelona Music), I expected it to be some nice and smooth Latin jazz. Boy was I wrong. Instead, guitarist Lorenzo jams, bobs, and weaves around some incredible jazz that sounds a bit like Prince when he was doing the Madhouse albums, but with the focus on him and not Eric Leeds' saxophone.

Lorenzo is very much influenced by Pat Metheny and has some of that John McLaughlin intensity without sounding like him. He calls this "Mediterranean Jazz" and one website called it smooth jazz but if more smooth jazz was like this, I'd listen more. "Giggles And Whispers" also has a Carlos Santana vibe to it, from his late 70's *Marathon* period (think "Aqua Marine").

Lorenzo's quartet features Walfredo Reyes Jr. of Santana's band, Weather Report alumni Alphonso Johnson, and Dave Garfield, who has performed with countless jazz musicians. They sound like studio rats, very confident of their musicianship and the way they interact with other musicians, and this would be great to listen to on a Sunday morning or on those long drives when you need a bit of a push for the long haul.

Remember when the Weather Channel used to play jazz during breaks, and occasionally you'd hear something and wonder who the hell it is? *Spanish Breeze* is that kind of album that combines the best of that style of jazz that doesn't go into freak out more or make you fall into crepe batter. It's a very fine album.



Posted in [Music Reviews](#) | Tagged [Alphonso Johnson](#), [Dave Garfield](#), [jazz](#), [Thomas Lorenzo](#), [Walfredo Reyes Jr.](#), [Weather Report](#) |

[Leave a comment](#)

Archives

[May 2016](#)

[April 2016](#)

[March 2016](#)

[February 2016](#)

[January 2016](#)

[December 2015](#)

[November 2015](#)

[October 2015](#)

[September 2015](#)

[August 2015](#)

[July 2015](#)

[June 2015](#)

[May 2015](#)

[April 2015](#)

[March 2015](#)

[February 2015](#)

[January 2015](#)

[December 2014](#)

[November 2014](#)

[October 2014](#)

[September 2014](#)

[August 2014](#)

[July 2014](#)

[June 2014](#)

[May 2014](#)