One For All - What's Going On? (2007)

One for All is an ongoing all-star band that regularly meets for record dates, though almost all
members of the sextet lead individual groups of their own. The focus of this session is soul
music, though not in the context one would expect to hear it. Trumpeter Jim Rotondi's recasting
of Marvin Gaye's protest song "What's Going On?" transforms the piece from a rather
repetitious, irritating anthem into a brilliant post-bop vehicle, with sizzling solos and terrific
ensembles. Tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander utilizes a similar method in his recasting of Al
Green's "Let's Stay Together" with equal success. Pianist David Hazeltine contributed several
arrangements, including a snappy Latin-flavored setting of Stevie Wonder's "Golden Lady" and
a soulful yet upbeat chart of "Betcha by Golly, Wow," the latter a hit for a number of different
artists. Trombonist Steve Davis adds a Latin flavor to his pulsing take of "Stop! In the Name of
Love," a huge hit for the Supremes. Even jazz fans who aren't particularly connoisseurs of soul
music will find much to like in this enjoyable CD. – Ken Dryden, Rovi

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