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One For All - Killer Joe (2005)



1.Killer Joe (Benny Golson) 2.Island (E. Alexander) 3.Night Mist Blues (Ahmad Jamal) 4.Mating Call (Tadd Tameron) 5.Hot Sake (Steve Davis) 6.Say When (J.J. Johnson) 7.I Remember Clifford (Benny Golson) 8.You Know I Care (Duke Pearson) Eric Alexander - tenor sax Jim Rotondi - trumpet, flugelhorn Steve Davis - trombone David Hazeltine - piano David Williams - bass Joe Farnsworth – drums

One for All has developed into one of the solid hard bop units, consisting of six talented New York-based musicians, most of whom have recorded a fair amount as individual leaders. With tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander, trombonist Steve Davis, and trumpeter Jim Rotundi in the front line, along with pianist David Hazeltine, bassist David Williams, and drummer Joe Farnsworth providing a great rhythm section, the sextet delves into decades-old gems like "Killer Joe," "Matin Call," and "I Remember Clifford" with authority. But such a band needs to come up with original material to stay fresh, so Alexander contributed the mellow, sauntering ballad "Island," which features superb interplay among the horns. Davis penned the driving"Hot Sake," which sounds like it would have been perfect fodder for Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers, or any hard bop band. Recommend --- Ken Dryden, Rovi

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