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01. *Smoke Gets In Your Eyes* (6:45) 02. *There's A Small Hotel* (4:46) 03. *The Things We Did Last Summer* (6:38) 04. *Have You Met Miss Jones* (4:01) 05. *In A Sentimental Mood* (5:57) 06. *Can't Help Loving Dat Man* (5:03) 07. *Change Partners* (4:49) 08. *The Shadow Of Your Smile* (4:55) 09. *Stairway To The Stars* (5:36) 10. *The Man I Love* (7:18) 11. *That's For Me* (4:17) 12. *Always* (5:20) 13. *Jump For Joy* (4:46) 14. *Cheek To Cheek* (5:46) 15. *They Say It's Wonderful* (3:48) Bill Charlap - piano; Jay Leonhart - double bass; Bill Stewart - drums.

Also known as the New York Jazz Trio, this combo is a studio-only group who specialize in recording classic standards in a straightforward, post-bop style. The New York Trio features three gifted musicians who are firmly established on the East Coast jazz scene. Pianist Bill Charlap is a member of the Phil Woods Quintet, has accompanied the likes of Tony Bennett, Benny Carter, and Gerry Mulligan, and has recorded a handful of well-received albums for Blue Note as a bandleader. Bassist Jay Leonhart has recorded as a headliner since 1983, while also making a name for himself as a vocalist and songwriter as well as backing up Marian McPartland, Louie Bellson, Lee Konitz, and many others. And drummer Bill Stewart had handled demanding gigs with a variety of musicians, including jazz guitarist John Scofield, funky sax man Maceo Parker and R&B legend James Brown. In 2001, Charlap, Leonhart, and Stewart teamed up in the studio to cut the album *Blues in the Night* for the Venus Jazz label; featuring leisurely but heartfelt interpretations of eight classic melodies, the album was well-received by fans of classic jazz. Seven similar collections have been recorded by the trio for Japanese jazz labels. ---Mark Deming, allmusic.com

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