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NYConnection

Urban Griot

„Urban Griot“ is the debut album by jazz quartet NYConnection, formed by Finnish drummer Jaska Lukkarinen and Israeli pianist Roy Assaf. Inspired by the griots of West Africa, NYConnection think of themselves as jazz storytellers.

In their innovative compositions between bebop, folk and avant-garde song structures disappear in a whirl of dialogue and friction. Sometimes quiet, sometimes louder, always exiting.

Tracklist

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| 1 URBAN GRIOT (Roy Assaf) | 5:57 |
| 2 DAY'S OF (TOO MUCH) WINE & ROSES
(Henry Mancini /Arr. Jussi Kannaste)* | 2:39 |
| 3 I'LL BE SEEING YOU
(Sammy Fain/Arr. Roy Assaf)* | 7:10 |
| 4 SIGNAL (Jussi Kannaste) | 6:13 |
| 5 PIKI AND THE MEXICAN GRILL
(Roy Assaf) | 9:55 |
| 6 SISU (Roy Assaf) | 4:57 |
| 7 DAY OF NIGHT (Roy Assaf) | 5:41 |
| 8 HAVE YOU MET MR. JONES
(Jaska Lukkarinen) | 3:08 |
| 9 INNER BLUR (Jaska Lukkarinen) | 6:28 |
| 10 LÖYLY (Roy Assaf) | 5:57 |

Musicians

JUSSI KANNASTE - Tenor Saxophone
ROY ASSAF - Piano
ANTTI LÖTJÖNEN - Bass
JASKA LUKKARINEN - Drums

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Jaska Lukkarinen, Roy Assaf, Jussi Kannaste,
Antti Lötjönen

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