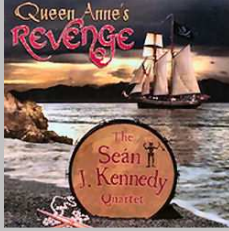


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The Sean J. Kennedy Quartet - Queen Anne's Revenge

Well, what can I say about this CD? The Sean J. Kennedy Quartet's new album produces a blend of creativity, swing, groove and musical maturity that you would only expect from a band at the top of their game.

This CD is made up of some great standards with new arrangements, inter-twined with original compositions by the band. The line up consists of Sean on drums, John Stenger on piano, Erin Stroup on the Saxes and Mark Amentt on bass. The album is centred on a good tradition of swing and the occasional funky tunes for good measure.

With special guests from some of the world's finest; Bob Minzter (The Yellowjackets and Buddy Rich Band) and Liberty Devito (Billy Joel), any hype surrounding this album was undoubtedly justified.

After listening to the CD on timeless occasions I can honestly say, I can't find any flaws in Queen Anne's Revenge. The band have clearly spent time working on not only the right pieces to make the album but also the order of play together their undeniable commitment to play their music with the passion, skill and creativity.

Adrian Graham