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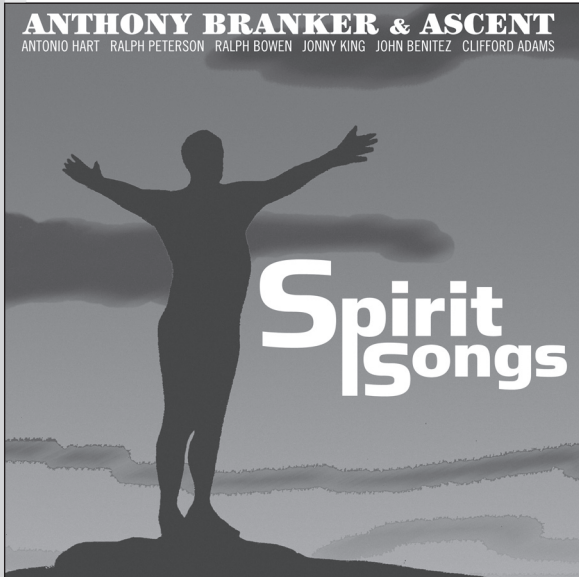
STREET DATE 01/17/06

ARTIST

ANTHONY BRANKER & ASCENT

TITLE

Spirit Songs



DESCRIPTION

In the spirit of Oliver Nelson and Duke Ellington, composer Anthony Branker conducts an all-star band in a program of his infectious songs blending culturally diverse musical styles with modal jazz harmony.

Displaying a unique sense of lyricism and rhythmic groove, Branker brings together Brazilian, Cuban, African, and Jamaican music with a variety of jazz influences.

Featuring performance by some of the most gifted jazz artists

working today, *Spirit Songs* will uplift and touch every listener.

FILE UNDER

- JAZZ: Anthony BRANKER

BIOGRAPHIES

Anthony BRANKER has received numerous awards and his compositions have been featured by jazz groups around the world. He was music director of the Spirit Of Life Ensemble, is head of the jazz program at Princeton University and a member of the jazz faculty at the Manhattan School of Music.

- **Jonny KING** was described in *DownBeat* (Thomas Conrad) as "one of the strongest piano voices of the new generation."
- **Antonio HART** is associated with Art Blakey's Jazz Messengers and Roy Hargrove.
- **Ralph BOWEN** led Blue Note touring band Out Of The Blue.
- **John BENITEZ** is currently on tour with guitarist John Scofield's "Ray Charles" band.
- **Clifford ADAMS, Jr.** is a member of Kool & The Gang.
- **Ralph PETERSON, Jr.** is a drummer's drummer, chosen by Art Blakey and Elvin Jones to double or fill in for the masters themselves.

ARTISTS Antonio HART (alto & soprano saxophones), Ralph BOWEN (tenor & soprano saxophones), Clifford ADAMS, Jr. (trombone), Jonny KING (piano), John BENITEZ (bass), Ralph PETERSON, Jr. (drums)

SALES POINTS

- All new music in an approachable, melodic program.
- Rhythmic jazz with Brazilian, Cuban, African, and Jamaican influences
- Excellent for new jazz listeners as well as serious aficionados
- Similar Artists: Oliver Nelson, Quincy Jones, Duke Ellington, Gil Evans
- An all-star band makes the composer's work take flight

TARGET MARKETS

- jazz buyers nationwide • fans of world music influences • casual listeners
- serious composition, arrangement, and instrumental enthusiasts

MARKETING/PROMOTION

- Consumer ad in January 2006 *DownBeat*, placement next to Editor's Column
- National print & internet serviced by Braithwaite & Katz Communications
- Retail programs for indie jazz • Merchandise available upon request
- Digital release of 1980 sessions written by Branker and featuring earliest known recorded performance of guitarist Stanley JORDAN.

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