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Air Jazz Quartet - Jazz Tribute to Deep Purple (1995)



01 - Hush 02 - Highway Star 03 - Black Night 04 - Smoke On The Water 05 - Woman From Tokyo 06 - Strange Kind Of Woman 07 - Burn 08 - Fireball Musicians: Francois Barisaux - piano; Philippe Miraille - tenor & soprano sax; Alain Gaillet - bass; Philippe Ballot - drums.

I recommend this if you want to hear something very different. DP done in a "smokin' jazz style", as the CD notes say. Mostly acoustic - I think the bass is electric, but it's in the style of Jaco Pastorius, so it fits perfectly with the other instruments. The accent throughout the music is on understatement, on being "cool" or "smokin". It's modern tuneful acoustic jazz.

Remember, though, that it is a jazz album. It doesn't feature slavish copies of DP songs. Typically, a track starts off with the riff and/or verse/chorus melody line, then the guys go off and play solos, returning to the familiar DP tune for the end of the track. ---Garry Smith, thehighwaystar.com

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