Nils Landgren Funk Unit – Paint it Blue (1999)

1. Walk Tall
2. You Dig
3. Why Am I Treated So Bad
4. Brother Nat
5. Inside Straight *play*
6. Cannoball
7. Mercy Mercy Mercy
8. Mother Fonk
9. Primitivo
10. After The Party
11. Love All Serve All
5. Inside Straight *play*
12. Julian

Credits:
Nils Landgren: Trombone, Trumpet
Per "Rusktrask" Johansson: Saxophones
Henrik Janson: Guitars
Esbjorn Svensson: Fender Rhodes, Keyboards
Bernard "Pretty" Purdie: Drums
Lars Danielsson: Fender Bass
Michael Brecker: Trumpet (Track 2)
Randy Brecker: Flugelhorn (Tracks 2,5)
Till Bronner: Trumpet (Track 9)
Airto Moreira: Percussions (Tracks 6,8,9,11)
Magnum Coltrane Price: Vocals, Synths (track 2)

One of trombonist Nils Landgren's early inspirations was Cannonball Adderley's group. Paint It Blue is dedicated to Adderley with Landgren performing five songs associated with the altoist plus seven originals that pay tribute to Cannonball's bands. Some of the music is in the soul-jazz vein while other tunes (particularly the originals) are more modern, even incorporating a little bit of rap in a couple places. Landgren is a fine trombonist (sometimes a little reminiscent of Wayne Henderson) and he manages to keep up with Michael and Randy Brecker, who in this situation are superior supportive soloists. Without merely copying the past, Landgren expands on the legacy of Adderley quite successfully. ~ *Scott Yanow*

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