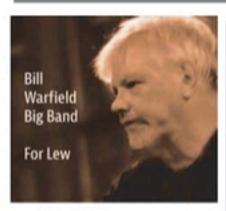
New Issues



BILL WARFIELD BIG BAND, FOR LEW PLANET ARTS 301738. OLD DEVIL MOON / TOTEM POLE / STREET CORNER SUPERMARKET / IN YOUR OWN SWEET WAY / SCOOTZIE / TENTIGO(*) / SOME OTHER BLUES / GOODBYE PORKPIE HAT(*) /SALSA EN MI ALMA (*)/ A LITTLE CIRCUS MUSIC(*) / THE THREE MARIAS / WHEN JANIE TAKES THE STAND. 71:50.

Before acquiring this disc, my exposure to the work of Bill Warfield was quite limited. In my possession were two cds of his big band playing an accompanying role to organist Gene Ludwig and on a Steeplechase import to guitarist Dave Stryker. This is my first listen to the aggregation completely under his name. It's also debatable whether this album should be considered a reissue or new issue since a mere pair of the numbers are unreleased with the other ten having appeared previously on a quartet of Warfield releases duly noted in the credits. In this heartfelt salute to the late, greatly under-valued trumpeter Lew Soloff, the musical chairs are occupied by many names regular Cadence readers will recognize. Soloff is present as a soloist on the Latin title(the sole chart that Warfield did not arrange) and is in the lead trumpet role elsewhere. The leader gets off some nice solos on three of the tracks. The unissued tune are the lead-off standard and the Coltrane title. This is a first class production with soloist identification on all tracks, a three fold photo of the crew enclosed in the digi-pack and extensive liner notes by Arnold Jay Smith. A keeper for sure.

Larry Hollis

Collective personnel: Warfield, tpt; Lew Soloff, tpt(*);Tony Kadleck, Jon Owens, Dave Ballou, John Eckert, Earl Gardner, Joe Mosello, Jeff Parke, Jerry Sokolov, Dean Pratt, Bob Millikan, Dave Trigg, Randy Brecker, Bud Burridge, Colin Bridgestocke, Darryl Shaw, tpt; Tim Sessions, Dan Levine, Matt Havilan, Earl McIntyre, Herb Besson, Conrad Herwig, Larry Farrell, Matt Finders, Jeff Nelson, George Flynn, Mike Christiansen, Charlie Gordon, Sam Burtis, tbn; Andy Fusco, Dan Block, Ed Xigues, Mike Migliore, as: Walt Weiskopf, as, ts; Alex Stewart, Sam Bortka, Matt Hong, bari s; Richie Perry, flt; David Diggs, picc; Bob Hanlon, clt; Tom Olin,b clt; Dave Stryker, Chris Rosenberg, Vic Juris, g; Joel Weiskopf, Greg Cogan, Ted Rosenthal, Roberta Piket, Art Hirahara, p; Lynn Seaton, Mike Richmond, Jeff Fuller, Gene Perla, Tom Hubbard, b; Grisha Alexiev, Bob Weller, Tim Horner, Scot Neumann, d; Dan Sadownick, Emedin Rivera, perc. Recorded circa 1990, 1994, 1997, 2005, 2014.