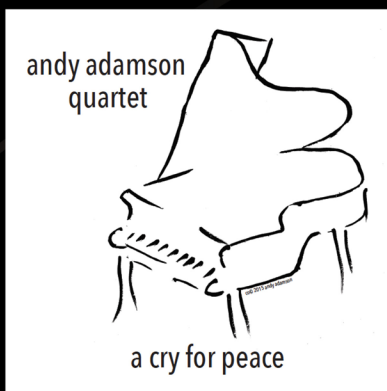


andy adamson quartet

Adamson's quartet features his original compositions; everything they perform is drawn from Adamson's vast catalogue of original work that teems with exiting polyrhythms and richly contrasted harmonies.

Listeners will find driving freewheeling precision in his creative pen. Adamson's current band, featured on his latest album, **A Cry For Peace**, includes Brennan Andes (acoustic and electric bass), known for his innovative bass work with the Macpodz, the Ragbirds, and Vincent York. Drummer Jonathan Taylor, who has studied with pianist Geri Allen and performed with trumpeter Wadada Leo Smith, is guided by what he calls a "cross-cultural and cross-disciplinary approach to improvisation". In addition to Adamson's fleet keyboard work, **A Cry For Peace** provides a setting for the hard hitting, melodically inventive tenor saxophone playing of Dan Bennett, whose powerful tone and astonishing command of his instrument mesmerizes throughout. This is a tight quartet that has developed an intimate rapport. Adamson's compositions glow with a joy earned though decades of self-motivation and hard work. He's clearly in his element, collaborating with creative young musicians in music that is constantly being reinvented.

Fats Waller once told an interviewer: "We rehearse on the job, at the public's expense". Hearing that quote, Andy nods vigorously, remarking Waller hit the nail on the head. This same luminous spirit and spontaneity is what you will find contained within each composition on **A Cry For Peace**.



1. ariel 5:00
2. conquistador 5:08
3. a cry for peace 6:15
4. follow your heart 6:03
5. the secret of life 5:43
6. angel fire 5:47
7. early one morning 7:08
8. inner circle 4:12

All compositions by andy adamson

andy adamson -keyboards
dan bennett - saxophones
brennan andes - basses
jonathan taylor - drums

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