

Album Reviews

Michael Karr - *Think It Over* by Patrick Ross

Rating: ★ ★ ★ ★ ★



Veteran journeyman trumpeter Michael Karr, has travel the gamut of music, artists, and faraway romantic places over the course of his career having recorded over 39 albums. His latest offering entitled "Think It Over" dubbed as Neo Soul is expressive both of soul and of a now sound. Beginning with the title track "Think It Over", it evokes pictures in the mind of earlier days in cool jazz music married with soul influences. I can almost hear Anita Baker covering this tune. The next track "Cristina" picks up the pace with a funky guitar riff and colorful back ground vocals, bringing to the fore it's easy

breezin' sounds of life and love of the songs title character. "Here We Go Again" brought me to the frame of mind, having a romantic dinner in a supper club by the waterfront at sunset. "Sarina (Sarah)" is another classically stylized ballad that makes me wonder who these women are that have inspired Michael Karr to have immortalized them musically. Included are two covers tunes George Michaels "Careless Whisper" and the SOS band's "Be Good To Me". I found that I could put this album on for a quiet night of romantic bliss and easy conversation or even a first date. This is destined to become an easy listening cool jazz favorite for fans of the genre and of Michaels soulful trumpet playing. I give it five out of five stars as I add it to my own instrumental music collection. A must have.

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