



Other Views

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■ The self-produced ***Event Horizon*** is the debut recording by the **MARK WADE TRIO**. Bassist Wade leads the group with pianist Tim Harrison and

drummer Scott Neumann as his cohorts. The trio has an organic feeling, truly a unit, not just three musicians playing together. The program consists of seven Wade originals plus "If I Only Had a Brain." Wade has a nice gift for melody, making his original material feel familiar almost immediately.

"Singsong" is a particularly appealing track that has the kind of surprising shifts that are often found in a Monk piece. At the other end of the spectrum is "Valley and Stream" that starts as a dreamlike melody and intensifies as it picks up steam before settling back into a contemplative mode. Each of the selections has similar uniqueness keeping the listener engaged from start to finish. Wade is off to a great start as a leader.

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