

JAZZ

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Tim Garland

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Saxophonist/composer's beautiful jazz/classical fusion.



IT'S HARD to know what impresses most about Garland: his facile, expressive saxophone and bass clarinet playing (previously heard with Chick Corea and Bill Bruford among others), his rich, enticing compositions, his dynamic, detailed arranging or his ability to pull all those elements into an intoxicating whole. On this 2-CD package the noted Lighthouse Trio, a lithe, responsive group completed by Garland's brilliant co-workers Gwilym Simcock (piano) and Asaf Sirkis (drums), is best heard on CD2's live set, a hypnotising blend of the tautly conceived and spontaneously daring. CD1 features the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra on the four-movement Frontier: the same duality of approach is present, but in vivid orchestral colours and dramatic widescreen. The invention barely lets up; Garland takes you on a dazzling adventure.