

Chip McNeill

The Whirl



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The Whirl is the latest album from tenor and soprano saxophonist giant Chip McNeill. The all original album is McNeill's debut release on Armored Records.

McNeill describes *The Whirl* in his own words:

"This project was first conceived as a group project with all members of the group contributing in the writing as well as playing. Included are original compositions all written by members of the ensemble. As a group, this recording is the first time we played together in an ensemble, although we had played together in other configurations of personnel. My reason for wanting to record with this group was born out of my individual relationships with all the members, via other groups, gigs, etc...and always having a great feeling about making music with them individually. From that, it seemed natural to record and perform together as a group. I was also aware of the very strong composition background of all the members of the ensemble and that prompted me to record with this group. "

"The result, I feel, is quite remarkable in both the performance, the compositional "freshness," and variety of material! From David Braid's contrapuntal yet very swinging original, *The Call*, opening the album, to Shawn Purcell's elegant ballad *Sequoia*, to Stockton Helbing's driving straight- eighth original *Suppose You Do*, to the uptempo original title cut of mine *The Whirl*, the tunes hopefully expose the listener to the wide variety of Jazz composition possibilities present in today's Jazz marketplace."

"We had a great time recording in the studio over the course of the two day session and the energy was great throughout the entire recording/mixing process!"

The Whirl is available on iTunes and Spotify.



Track Listing:

1. **The Call (5:57)**
2. **The Whirl (4:40)**
3. **Interior Castles (6:52)**
4. **Blue Years News (11:12)**
5. **A Visit to the Bob (9:21)**
6. **Sequoia (7:12)**
7. **Saturn's Rings (11:09)**
8. **Rust II (7:54)**
9. **Suppose You Do (9:12)**

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