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TAUREY BUTLER AND ANDREA VENEZIANI WORLD PREMIER AS SESSION LEADERS

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Jazz piano player Taurey Butler has been compared to Oscar Peterson. If you pay close attention to Butler's new self-titled album, which Justin Time released last week, you will conclude piano player Cyrus Chestnut had a bigger influence on Butler. His world premier is like Chestnut's early albums "Revelation," "The Dark Before the Dawn," and "Earth Stories". Butler sounds as if he used those albums as guideposts. Like Chestnut, Butler can play beautifully and rambunctiously. He's comfortable with gospel and the

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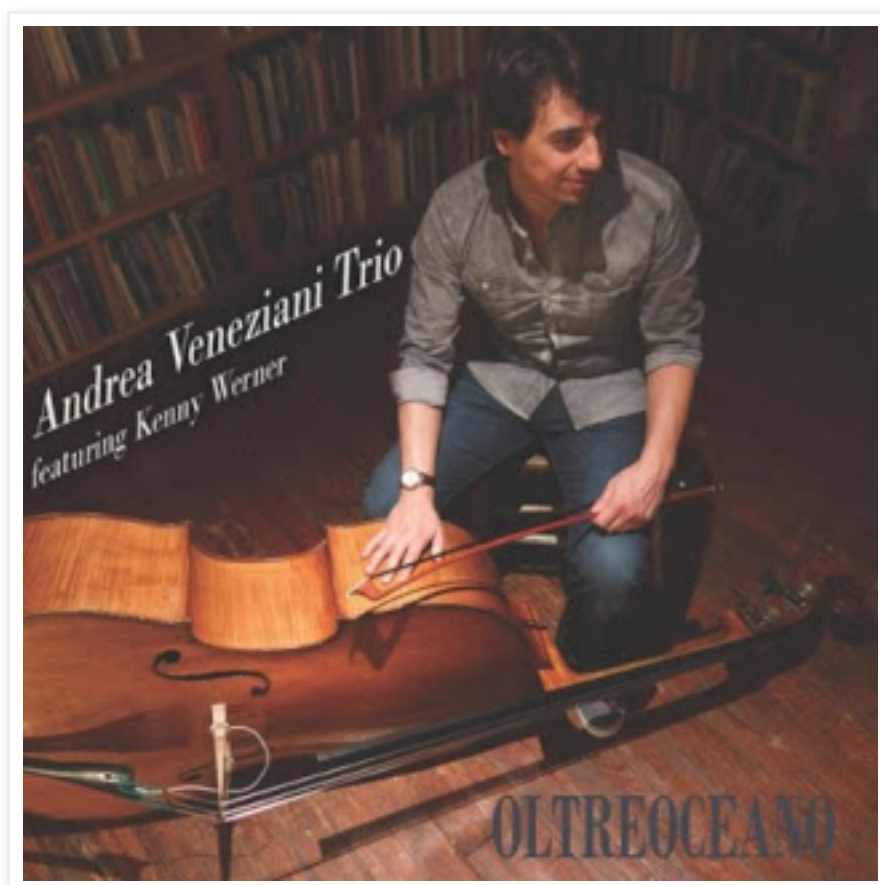
I'm a jazz reporter living in Grosse Pointe Woods, MI. I grew up in Detroit. Going on two decades, I've covered jazz for the weekly newspaper the Metrotimes. I've written articles about jazz greats like Sonny Rollins, Horace Silver, Wayne Shorter, Regina Carter, and many others. I'm most proud of the articles I've written about Detroit jazz musicians. Their stories have inspired me the most. I've been writing this jazz blog since 2007. I've reader's who believe my concert and album reviews are hip and informative. On the flip side, some readers have accused me of having a low jazz acumen. I welcome the pats on the back and the criticism. Both inspire me to continue chugging along.

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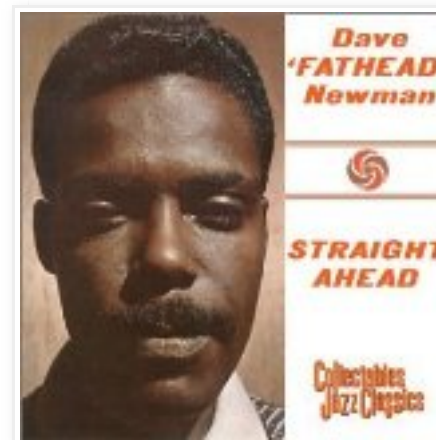
blues. Butler raises hell throughout the album, particularly on “Please Send Me Somebody to Love” and “Preacher”.



The upside of bass player Andrea Veneziani hiring piano player Kenny Werner to play on his first album “OLTREOCEANO” is Werner brings a craftsman’s touch to every song. Werner is a prodigious piano player with a ton of frequent-flier miles, and he can unconsciously bogart a session, which he does on “OLTREOCEANO”. Veneziani is a wonderful bass player, and he has history with Werner. He was Werner's pupil, and their camaraderie is apparent on “Night Flight” and “Time Remembered”. Veneziani gives a glimpse of his virtuosity on "Free Episodes#1," but overall, Veneziani behaves like a sidekick instead of the leader. He allows Werner to bogart the session.

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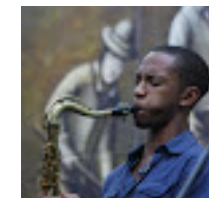
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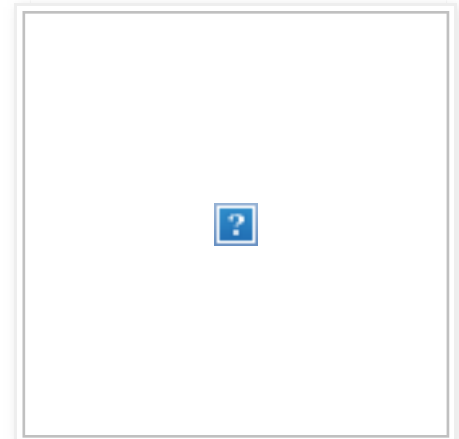
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IAN FINKELSTEIN PUT HIS SPIN ON WELL-KNOWN JAZZ STANDARDS AT THE DIRTY DOG JAZZ CAFE'

Ian Finkelstein (photo by Karen Fox) At the Dirty Dog Jazz Cafe Thursday evening, pianist Ian Finkelstein closed out a two night run...

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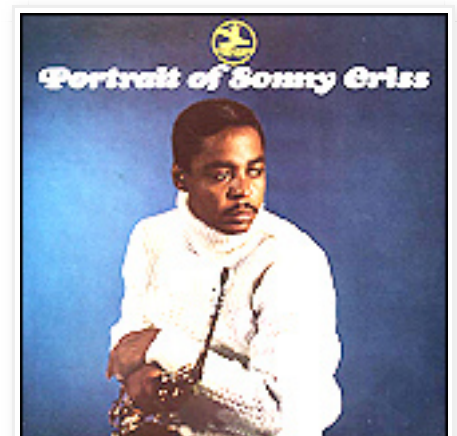
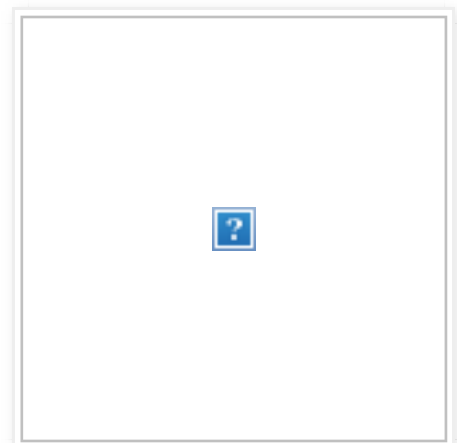


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