



“Souljourner”

Curt Hanrahan Quartet

Curt Hanrahan – tenor, alto Sax, flute

Jay Mollerskov - guitar

Tim Hanrahan – bass

Dave Wall - drums

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For Curt’s previous CD, To Be Again:

“well played..very good hard-bop-oriented performer..
Curt Hanrahan plays flexible, dark-toned tenor.”

David Franklin, Jazz Times

Curt Hanrahan holds a bachelor of music degree from UWM and a Masters degree in multiple woodwinds from University of Wisconsin, Madison. He has worked with artists Tony Bennett, Rosemary Clooney, Cab Calloway, the Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, Harry Connick Jr., Arturo Sandoval, Big Band Manhattan Transfer, Tommy Dorsey Orchestra, Doc Severinsen, Frank Sinatra Jr. and Ray Charles. Curt teaches saxophone and directs the jazz program at University of Wisconsin, Milwaukee, a position he has held since 1990.

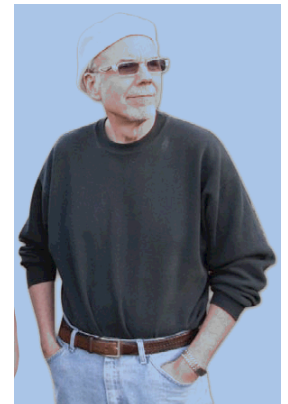
Curt is deeply involved with expanding the Milwaukee jazz scene. He has assisted developing a jazz network that has already created a draft strategic plan for creating more venues, fests, educational opportunities, and fans in Milwaukee.

So in Curt’s own words:

“The title cut “Souljourner” was co-written by me and Tim Hanrahan, and for me, is a traveling tune. The immediate vibe is openness and its simple harmonic structure allows the soloists to create a soundscape. The head itself is a crystallization of that effect, and the song form at the beginning and end gives us fence posts to hang our musical ideas on.

Rumba Grave' is a harmonically complex tune I wrote that builds tension through the simple melody that pulls on the changes, which are somewhat reminiscent of "Nefertiti" by Wayne Shorter. This piece gives Dave Wall a chance to propel the music from underneath.

The three standards on this CD were included because of their complete balance structure, melodically and harmonically. They fit the intent of the original compositions and create an overall arc on the CD as a whole.”



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