



ESP 1030

Sonny Simmons

Staying on the Watch

Featured Artists:

Sonny Simmons: alto sax

Barbara Donald: trumpet

John Hicks: piano

Marvin Pattillo: percussion

Teddy Smith: bass

Packaging: CD in digipak

Box Lot: 40

Barcode: 825481010306

Street Date: 4/27/10

Ship Date: 3/25/10

Track Listing:

Metamorphosis, A Distant Voice, City of David, Interplanetary Travelers

Overview:

The noted west coast composer makes his ESP debut accompanied by his then wife, Barbara Donald, on trumpet, Teddy Smith on bass, John Hicks on piano and Marvin Pattillo on percussion. Recorded August 1966, *Staying on the Watch* is an important infusion of straight-ahead and avant jazz. Barbara Donald is a superb trumpeter who has made a stern contribution to the legacy of women performers and has been widely written about. Also, pianist John Hicks, who makes his New York debut on the record, went on to become one of the most prolific pianists in jazz.

Reviews:

"Altoist Sonny Simmons' debut as a leader is a typically stimulating and dense ESP blowout. Performing in a quintet with trumpeter Barbara Donald, the up-and-coming pianist John Hicks, bassist Teddy Smith and drummer Marvin Pattillo, Simmons stretches out on four colorful and mostly free-form originals. The intense set still sounds quite advanced over three decades later." – **Scott Yanow (All Music Guide)**

"Always a volatile personality, Simmons cut his music in the late 60s with a finely honed edge. On 'A Distant Voice' he pushes his alto into English horn territory (which Simmons would later regularly employ). Then-wife Barbara Donald on trumpet is key to the band's forceful sound. *Staying on the Watch* marks the debut of pianist John Hicks, who brings 'City of David' to a rousing finish. – **Jeff Stockton (All About Jazz)**

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Selling Points:

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Media & Marketing:

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Advertising:

Signal To Noise, The Wire

Key Markets:

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