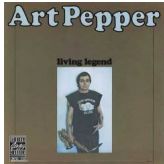


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1. *Ophelia* (Art Pepper) 7:54 2. *Here's That Rainy Day* (James Van Heusen/Johnny Burke) 5:42 3. *What Laurie Likes* (Art Pepper) 6:44 4. *Mr. Yohe* (Art Pepper) 7:13 5. *Lost Life* (Art Pepper) 5:57 6. *Samba Mom-Mom* (Art Pepper) 8:19 7. *Samba Mom-Mom (alternate track)* (Art Pepper) 6:59 [play](#) Art Pepper (Sax Alt) Hampton Hawes (Piano) Charlie Haden (Contrabass) Shelly Manne (Drums)

Art Pepper, one of the major bop altoists to emerge during the '50s, started his comeback with this excellent set, *Living Legend*. After 15 years filled with prison time and fighting drug addiction, Pepper was finally ready to return to jazz. Accompanied by three of his old friends (pianist Hampton Hawes, bassist Charlie Haden and drummer Shelly Manne), Pepper displays a more explorative and darker style than he had previously. He also shows a greater emotional depth in his improvisations and was open to some of the innovations of the avant-garde in his search for greater self-expression. Although this recording would be topped by the ones to come, the music (five Pepper originals and an intense version of "Here's That Rainy Day") is quite rewarding. --- Scott Yanow, Rovi

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