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Sonny Fortune – Awakening (1975)



1. Triple Threat 10:25 2. Nommo 9:38 3. Sunshower 5:14 4. For duke and cannon 2:58 5. Awakening 12:17 Sonny Fortune - alto saxophone, flute, percussion Charles Sullivan trumpet, flugelhorn Kenny Barron - acoustic & electric piano Wayne Dockery - bass Reggie Workman - bass (Nommo) Billy Hart - drums Chip Lyles - drums (For duke and cannon) Angel Allende – percussion + Clifford Adams - trombone Leonard Gibbs – percussion

Sonny Fortune's second LP as a leader is an adequate set of mostly straight-ahead jazz, which sets it apart from many of his fusion-venturing peers of the '70s. With a slate of expert, professional sidemen (Billy Hart, John Hicks, Reggie Workman, Charles Sullivan, etc), Awakening never amazes, but it also never disappoints. Fortune, as usual, offers several spirited solos, while his cohorts incessantly swing. Straight-ahead jazz fans will appreciate this yeoman set. --- Vincent Thomas, Rovi

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