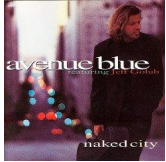


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01. *Funky Is As Funky Does* [05:08] 02. *Naked City* [04:17] 03. *Nitpickin* [04:39] 04. *The Conversation* [05:05] 05. *Baby I'm Yours* [04:36] 06. *Mamma Didn't Raise No Fool* [05:19] 07. *Wildflower* [04:52] 08. *Keep The Ball Rollin'* [03:49] 09. *The Nite Owl* [04:58] 10. *Tumblin* [04:50] 11. *Yohimbe* [04:53] 12. *Spooky* [04:19] 13. *One More Excuse (To Play The Blues)* [02:25] Musicians: Phoebe Snow (vocals); Jeff Golub (guitar); Jim Biggins (flute, tenor saxophone); Bill Harris (tenor saxophone, baritone saxophone); Rick Braun (trumpet, flugelhorn, keyboards, percussion); Don Harris (trumpet); John Fumasoli (trombone); Bob James (piano); Kevin Savigar, Steve Gaboury (keyboards); Lincoln Goines (acoustic bass, electric bass); Steve Barbuto (drums); Roger Squitero, Rafael de Jesus, Scott Breadman (percussion).

Jeff Golub was happily playing lead guitar with Rod Stewart and doing sessions in New York when the solo bug bit him in 1994. The result was Avenue Blue, a solo guitar debut that did very well with commercial smooth jazz stations. His follow-up is called Naked City, and the grooves are as economic as the previous record, but this time Golub steps up the funk a little more. The mid-tempo title song will draw early airplay attention, but spirited tunes like "Nitpickin" and "Funky Is As Funky Does" will draw clean comparisons to Booker T. & the MGs in the feelin' good department. Rick Braun returns to co-produce and sit in, while Golub explores his soul and jazz-rock influences. Pianist Bob James jams on the breezy "Conversation," and Phoebe Snow sings on the standard, "Baby I'm Yours". ---Keith Zimmerman, jeffgolub.com

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