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Modern Jazz Quartet & The All-Star Jazz Band - Jazz Dialogue (1966)



A1 Home 2:51 A2 Django 6:08 A3 One Never Knows 4:15 A4 Animal Dance 3:31 B1 Intima 5:13 B2 The Golden Striker 5:36 B3 Ralph's New Blues 6:28 Alto Saxophone [All-Star Jazz Band] – Charlie Mariano, Phil Woods Baritone Saxophone [All-Star Jazz Band] – Wally Kane Bass – Percy Heath Drums – Connie Kay Piano – John Lewis Tenor Saxophone [All-Star Jazz Band] – Richie Kamuca, Seldon Powell Trombone [All-Star Jazz Band] – Jimmy Cleveland, Kai Winding, Tony Studd Trumpet [All-Star Jazz Band] – Bernie Glow, Clark Terry, Ernie Royal, Snooky Young Vibraphone – Milt Jackson

This is an unusual record in The Modern Jazz Quartet's discography for it matches The MJQ (vibraphonist Milt Jackson, pianist John Lewis, bassist Percy Heath and drummer Connie Kay) with an all-star big band that is comprised of a dozen horns and guitarist Howard Collins. Unfortunately the orchestra (which has a pretty impressive lineup) is used exclusively for backup of the rhythm section and none of the horns have any solos. The music, which is highlighted by new versions of such standbys as "Django," "Ralph's New Blues" and "The Golden Striker," is enjoyable enough although this LP does not live up to its potential. ---Scott Yanow, Rovi

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