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## Red Rodney with Ira Sullivan - Night And Day (1981)



A1 Night And Day A2 You Leave Me Breathless A3 Babies B1 Muck And Meyer B2 Frito Mistos B3 Dial-A-Brew Alto Saxophone – Ira Sullivan (tracks: A1, B1) Bass – Barry Smith Drums – Steve Bagby Flugelhorn – Red Rodney (tracks: A2 to B2) Piano – Garry Dial Soprano Saxophone – Ira Sullivan (tracks: A2) Trumpet – Ira Sullivan, Red Rodney (tracks: A1, B3)

The Red Rodney-Ira Sullivan Quintet was one of the finest groups of the early 1980s. Rodney had an opportunity to play fresh material; Sullivan gained more exposure than he ever had in his career; and pianist Garry Dial was given high-profile and challenging writing assignments; bassist Barry Smith and drummer Steve Bagby completed the band in mid-1981. On this Muse LP (their fourth of six recordings), the musicians perform fresh versions of two standards ("Night and Day" and "You Leave Me Breathless"), plus four challenging originals. Sullivan plays trumpet on three of the six pieces, alto on two, and soprano on one. The exciting "Dial-A-Brew" is a highlight of this recommended (but sadly out of print) set. ---Scott Yanow, AllMusic Review

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