

One For All - What's Going On? (2007)

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1. *What's Going On?* (6:45) 2. *How Sweet It Is* (5:18) 3. *Let's Stay Together* (8:02)
4. *Reasons* (6:47) 5. *Golden Lady* (5:46) 6. *For The Love Of You* (6:19) 7. *Stop! In The Name Of Love* (5:26) 8. *Moon Blue* (4:54) 9. *Betcha By Golly, Wow* (7:42) Eric Alexander-tenor sax
Jim Rotondi-trumpet Steve Davis-trombone David Hazeltine-piano John Webber-bass Joe Farnsworth-drums

One for All is an ongoing all-star band that regularly meets for record dates, though almost all members of the sextet lead individual groups of their own. The focus of this session is soul music, though not in the context one would expect to hear it. Trumpeter Jim Rotondi's recasting of Marvin Gaye's protest song "What's Going On?" transforms the piece from a rather repetitious, irritating anthem into a brilliant post-bop vehicle, with sizzling solos and terrific ensembles. Tenor saxophonist Eric Alexander utilizes a similar method in his recasting of Al Green's "Let's Stay Together" with equal success. Pianist David Hazeltine contributed several arrangements, including a snappy Latin-flavored setting of Stevie Wonder's "Golden Lady" and a soulful yet upbeat chart of "Betcha by Golly, Wow," the latter a hit for a number of different artists. Trombonist Steve Davis adds a Latin flavor to his pulsing take of "Stop! In the Name of Love," a huge hit for the Supremes. Even jazz fans who aren't particularly connoisseurs of soul music will find much to like in this enjoyable CD. – Ken Dryden, Rovi

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