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TARDO HAMMER

with Lee Hudson & Steve Williams

Release Date: June 21, 2024



"Hammer's piano is steeped in bebop."

J Hunter, *All About Jazz*

"The development of Hammer's solos is continuous, logical and orderly, yet a feeling of discovery is always present."

David Orthmann, *All About Jazz*

RIGHT NOW! is Tardo Hammer's eighth release as a leader. It features eleven new tracks, including his original composition "Moonlight."

Pianist Tardo Hammer has been one of the best straight ahead piano players on the New York scene since the 1980s, working alongside jazz masters such as Lou Donaldson, Art Farmer, Junior Cook, Bill Hardman, and Charles Davis. He has appeared as accompanist for vocalists Annie Ross, Abbey Lincoln, Samara Joy, Earl Coleman, and Jon Hendricks. He has performed throughout the USA, Europe, and Japan.

"Right Now!" evolved over time as the trio played gigs around New York City," says Hammer. "Our treatment of each piece developed from listening to one another and responding, rather than from written arrangements or rehearsal. Playing with a minimum of preconception, things take different shapes over time. Some musical elements may remain from a previous version, and some do not. Each selection on the album is a snapshot of what is happening at that moment."

Tardo is joined by bassist Lee Hudson and master percussionist Steve Williams. Hudson is known for his big beat and acoustic sound. He's a seasoned veteran who brings expertise cultivated by years of experience alongside such masters as Billy Mitchell, Dizzy Gillespie, Catherine Russell, Sal Nistico and Illinois Jacquet. Williams is known for his tenure with Shirley Horn, and has played and recorded with Roy Hargrove, Clifford Jordan, Joe Lovano, Milt Jackson, Monty Alexander, Miles Davis, and just about anyone else you'd ever want to hear. His brilliant musicianship and creativity are on full display at every musical turn.

Track List

1. I Didn't Know What Time It Was	5:50
2. They Didn't Believe Me	6:50
3. Smooth As The Wind	7:43
4. Down Through The Years	6:42
5. I'm An Old Cowhand	3:51
6. Moonlight	7:42
7. Lonely Town	6:35
8. Epistrophe	5:34
9. My Ship	7:46
10. Dear Old Stockholm	8:08
11. I See Your Face Before Me	5:53
Total Length:	72:40

Personnel

Tardo Hammer, piano
Lee Hudson, bass
Steve Williams, drums

Available on CD, vinyl, and on all streaming platforms

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