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JEFF KASHIWA

Among contemporary jazz musicians, it's long been and unwritten adage that within every great sideman is a solo artist waiting to emerge. Known the world over as the charismatic saxophone voice of the instrumental supergroup The Rippingtons, Jeff Kashiwa has made an extraordinary mark on the genre over the past seven years by virtue of his world class performances with the band both live and on each of their best selling recordings since 1990. While still an integral member of the Russ Freeman-led ensemble, Kashiwa realized his dreams of a solo career last year with his Fahrenheit Records debut Remember Catalina, a collection Jazziz magazine called "a trip no seafaring pop-jazz adventurer will ever forget." His new release, Walk a Mile, offers a striking blend of aggres-

sive funk and cool ro-

mance which finds Kashiwa further realizing his poten-

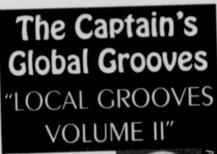
tial as a composer and an all-around reed player.

"For me, the greatest difference between playing with The Rippingtons and doing my own projects is my ability to spread my wings in new directions," says Kashiwa. "After mastering Russ' great tunes for so long, I finally have the ultimate freedom to let listeners hear even more of what's in my heart. Walk a Mile has stronger, bolder

grooves and ballads that are even more passionate than on the first album. The writing is definitely tighter, and while some tunes are definitely in the smooth jazz pocket, I also strut my more jamming stuff on hip hop pieces like the title track. Kashiwa named the album after

the Track Walk a Mile because of the positive attitude and imagery the rhythm of the track inspired. "Something about the beat made me see a man toting a barge, walking along with a heavy load. It's powerful, hypnotic grooves made me see a certain degree of triumph over struggle, and although my intention wasn't to make any sort of concrete social statement,the idea extends to having compassion for the lives

of our fellow men, trying to better understand them by walking that mile in their shoes."



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Anthony Wilson, son of composer and bandleader Gerald Wilson, has won the third annual BMI/Thelonious Monk Institute of Jazz composers Competition with a piece for guitar, bass, drums, and sax titled "Karaoke." Jazz veterans Tal Farlow, Jimmy Heath, and Jim McNeely judged the entries, which numbered more than 100. "Anthony's piece is well put together, shows thought and originality, and has a natural, straight-ahead

quality," says McNeely.

BY JIM MACNIE

Bosnian at Duffy's Pub

Singer-songwriter Mark Bosnian and his band will be in concert at Duffy's Pub in their historic domed concert hall on Saturday. August 9th beginning at 9pm.

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