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in front of a truly special quartet, with a strong artistic sensitivity and an original musical research. With well balanced songs, original ideas with beautiful interpretations of melodies that are immediately imprinted in your mind. Moments of full improvisation and beautiful melodic diction with solid rhythmic choices.

A record with both contemplative and full energy moments.

## ISRAEL VARELA

Brew 4et revisits the well-known Gary Burton Quartet format from the 80s, with saxophone and vibraphone as the lead voices. The absence of a piano gives the music a lighter dimension and more freedom. This is fresh and original music with nice rhythmic surprises as in 'No Exit Way' where modern abstract figures coexists with a more classic "popish" melody, very 70s in its inspiration. The rubato ballad 'No Borders' is a welcomed interlude, later followed by 'As An Echo', one of my favourites, with its distant vibraphone answers to the saxophone phrases. These musicians are on the right track, where melody always has the final word. A very promising band.