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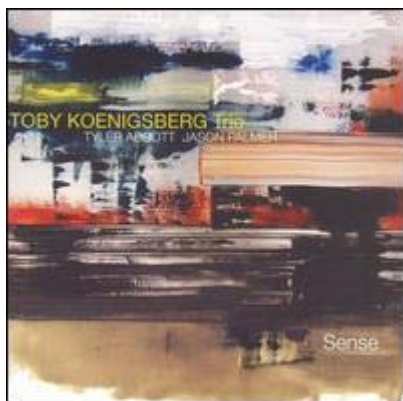
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Toby Koenigsberg

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Review

by Ken Dryden

Pianist Toby Koenigsberg's second CD as a leader is a mind-stretching trio affair featuring bassist **Tyler Abbott** and drummer **Jason Palmer**, delving into famous and lesser known jazz compositions, standards and originals. While most pianists tackle **Bud Powell's** works in a fairly straight-forward manner, Koenigsberg and his musicians reshape "Oblivion" with a steady, pulsing Latin rhythm behind the pianist which seems out of kilter but fits beautifully. **Powell's** humorous Asian-flavored "So Sorry Please" is approached in a disjointed fashion where the drums and bass frequently seem independent of the piano, though Koenigsberg retains **Powell's** wit. The late **Bill Evans' "Show- Type Tune"** is one of his less frequently performed pieces; the trio's interpretation kicks off with **Palmer** starting on brushes and switching later to sticks; while Koenigsberg's approach to it is choppy than **Evans' recording**, it is no less valid. The one standard is a lush, almost hushed arrangement of "My Foolish Heart" that deserves to be savored. The leader's "Variant Strain" is a

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constantly shifting work that evolves subtly from its initial waltz setting, with the pianist sitting out as **Abbott** and **Palmer** build it to a stirring climax. The CD is bracketed by a pair of intriguing works written by trumpeter **André Canniere**, both of which ignite the trio's imagination. Ideally, this highly recommended CD by the **Toby Koenigsberg Trio** is best enjoyed in a quiet room devoid of distractions, with low lighting and a glass of a favorite vintage wine.

Tracks

	Title	Composer	Time
1	Thirteen Species	Canniere	8:04
2	Oblivion	Powell	7:48
3	Stellaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! (One)	Abbott, Koenigsberg, Palmer	3:52
4	My Foolish Heart	Washington, Young	7:25
5	So Sorry Please	Powell	9:28
6	Variant Strain	Koenigsberg	7:43
7	Stellaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa! (Two)	Abbott, Koenigsberg, Palmer	1:37
8	Show Type Tune	Evans	5:36
9	Realizing	Canniere	7:55

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