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ALBUM of the WEEK Thema Prima



What a lot the veteran Japanese pianist Aki Takase has packed in here: turntable culture somehow; rolling, boisterous sax-led themes; the anarchy of free form jazz; and the wild abandon of the player leader herself who if you can imagine Yoko Ono as a jazzier you would be only half-way there.

The group, her Japanic, bristles with some fine players chiefly Daniel Erdmann on sax in one of his best sideman appearances I've heard and her tunes have an epic, spirited, grandeur to them able interpreted by the ingenious ensemble. Tremendous.