The Mark Lomax Quartet

with Edwin Bayard, William Menefield, and Dean Hulett

Requiem For A Fallen King: Tribute To Elvin Jones

"The drummer's music is as sharp as his perceptions are, and it swings magnificently."- All About Jazz

The Mark Lomax Quartet — with the drummer-leader joined by saxophonist Eddie Bayard, pianist William Menefield, and bassist Dean Hulett — have created an exciting tribute to legendary jazz drummer Elivn Jones with the January 23, 2016 release of Requiem For A Fallen King: A Tribute To Elvin Jones by CFG Multimedia. Requiem follows Lomax's ground breaking 2015 solo album, Solo Meditations — about which Improvijazzation declared that Lomax created "a whole new paradigm in jazz drumming." This requiem is an unflinching tour-de-force.

Representing the composers reflection of a musical hero, <u>Requiem For A Fallen King</u> is a four movement tribute to Elvin Jones who rose to international prominence as a member of the John Coltrane Classic Quartet. Each movement represents a different characteristic of the drummers musical personality.

Lomax came under the influence of the late drummer as a result of a conversation with Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra saxophonist Victor Goines, and later met Jones on several occasions. "Elvin changed my life!" the drummer remembers fondly of that first meeting. "His was an incredible musician, and I am forever indebted to his willingness to be a powerful force for good."

The release of <u>Requiem For A Fallen King</u> occurs as Lomax is developing a name as an important soloist having released two very musical recordings of material for solo drum set. Juxtaposed against this live recording of his formidable quartet from 2013, we not only see growth in technique and musical vision, we find Lomax fully confident and competent as a musician who plays drums.

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Personnel:

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MLQ Requiem For A Fallen King: A Tribute To Elvin Jones

Track Listing:

- 1) Blues For Elvin
- 2) Veen's Thang
- 3) Gentle Giant
- 4) Legacy

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