



Juan FG Vinuesa/Josh Berman/Jason Roebke/Mikel Patrick Avery
Blue Shots From Chicago

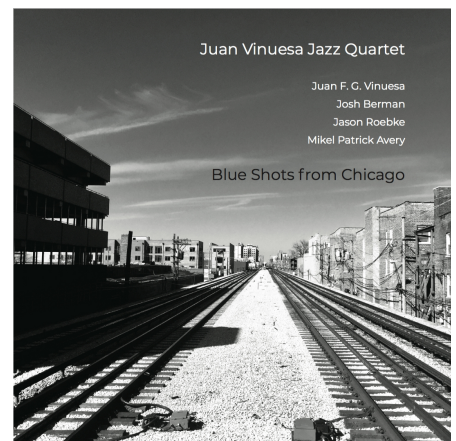
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The kind of record that makes us very proud to say we're from Chicago – as leader Juan FG Vinuesa comes up with a way to keep the city's avant scene moving forward – using some of the mix of structure and freedom from the Mike Reed generation, but also adding in both older elements, and some occasional moments of improvised freedom!



A few passages swing here with a vibe that recalls older "city jazz" projects – but those are balanced by bolder statements from all members of the quartet – a superb lineup that includes Vinuesa on tenor, Josh Berman on cornet, Jason Roebke on bass, and Mikel Patrick Avery on drums and percussion. Berman sounds wonderful here – with occasional exclamatory moments that really grab us – and all tunes and arrangements are by Juan, with titles that include "Red Line Ballad", "The Alibi", "Ghost Town Studio", "La Lola", "Afro Asiatic Beat Poem", and "Luther's Mood".

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