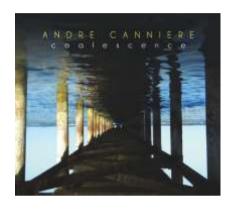
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Andre Canniere : Coalescence (Whirlwind)



One of the most exciting young trumpeters emerging on the scene is U.S.-born and London-based Andre Canniere. Coalescence follows his acclaimed debut album on Whirlwind, Forward Space, and it certainly can also be highly recommended. As well as the leader's sleek trumpet sound, there's a fine line-up on the album, with a group comprising pianist/accordionist Ivo Neame, guitarist Hannes Riepler, bassist Ryan Tredilcock, and drummer Jon Scott.

All the compositions on the nine tracks are by Canniere, and have an attractive mellowness as well as some superb moments of musical fire. Canniere's experience in working in the States with the Maria Schneider Orchestra and the Darcy James Argue Secret Society, as well as outstanding soloists like saxophonist Danny McCaslin, gives his playing an exceptional depth. Riepler, also based in London but born in Austria, adds considerably to the album's appeal, with guitar work which is both complementary to the trumpeter's improvising and attractive in its own right. There's fine playing by the whole group throughout this appealing CD.