

Joe Lovano

I'm All For You

Blue Note 91950

QUOTES:

"The tenor saxophonist Joe Lovano works in many forms... But at bottom he's a soulful, note caressing, tradition loving tenor player, and the music on *I'm All For You* might come closest to his essence... With standards like 'Monk's Mood,' 'Like Someone in Love,' and 'Early Autumn,' this quartet goes deep into jazz's traditional pulse, while retaining a great deal of its mystery, its sense of moment-to-moment discovery."

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"Tenor sax wiz Joe Lovano admires ballads, so it's no surprise he's in great form on a whole album of them."

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"...this is an album in which the mix of styles and personalities and familiar repertoire creates a direct and honest sound world all its own."

--Knight-Ridder

"Easily one of Lovano's most listenable endeavors, the ballads-oriented album pulls no punches and simply allows you to sit back and enjoy a master play at his utter best."

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"Lovano evokes the best tenor saxophonists of their time and the ballad genre—Lester Young, Ben Webster, Sonny Rollins, John Coltrane—without sacrificing his own voice... This disc will stand out in Lovano's impressive discography and will be listened to and enjoyed by jazz fans for years to come."

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"(Lovano's) ballad playing has a special confidence, depth and poetic intensity... His vaguely reticent, breath-infused tone actually pulls you nearer to him, impelling you to pay close attention to the handsome melodies he spins."

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