

Bennett Paster, Gregory Ryan & Keith Hall

Skyline

Press and Reviews (Updated 8/24/05)

“Let the sidemen have their say. These rising players have collectively amassed an impressive list of credits behind jazz notables. But one thing is clear: They've definitely found their musical soul mates in each other. On their own indie release, pianist Paster, bassist Ryan and drummer Keith Hall radiate warmth, vitality, robust melodicism, and an effortless swing. All three contribute strong writing, and Paster's ballad, "If I Said Goodbye," is a gem. With a nimble, grooving, 'melodic' touch, Hall knows how to tell a story. Elegant.” (****1/2 out of a possible 5)

Modern Drummer, September, 2005
by Jeff Potter

"Part of the appeal throughout [Skyline] is Paster's willingness, within a mainstream framework, to take chances. He and the trio sound relaxed, optimistic, vivacious, and Paster's hands have an infectious percussive exuberance. A beautifully melodic effort, start to finish. "

AllAboutJazz.com March, 2005
by Dan McClenaghan

“*Skyline* is a collaborative work of three young players who like and understand each other, and it shows in the music produced... [It's] a release that is solid, full of enthusiasm and communication, with quite nice playing by Paster.”

Cadence Magazine, Sept. 2005
by Budd Kopman

"[Bennett Paster's trio CD Skyline] with bassist Gregory Ryan and drummer Keith Hall features straight-ahead jazz - songs by all three members and a few standards- played with sparkle and originality."

The Santa Fe Reporter, April 28, 2005
by Paul Weideman