

THE THAD JONES/MEL LEWIS QUARTET

A&M CD-0830

Released 1989

- 1. But Not For Me (George Gershwin) - 16:56
- 2. This Can't Be Love (Richard Rogers/Lorenz Hart) - 4:09
- 3. Autumn Leaves (Joseph Kosma/Johnny Mercer) - 15:31
- 4. What Is This Thing (Thad Jones/Mel Lewis) - 5:17
- 5. Love For Sale (Cole Porter) - 9:24
- 6. Things Ain't What They Used To Be (Mercer Ellington/Ted Persons) - 12:18

Musicians:

Thad Jones - Cornet

Mel Lewis - Drums

Rufus Reid - Bass

Harold Danko - Piano

Recorded at the Airliner Lounge, Miami, Florida, September 24, 1977 by Mack Emerman, assisted by Peter Yianilos and Joe Foglia and Criteria-Artisan remote facilities.

Mixed by Geoff Sykes and Ed Michel at Kendun Recorders, Burbank, California, November 7 and 8, 1977.

Digitally mastered on January 27, 1989 by John Snyder and Rudy Van Gelder.

Selections one through four previously released on Artists House.

Art Direction: Chuck Beeson

Design: Phil Shima

Photography: Carol Friedman

Liner notes by Mel Lewis, Rufus Reid, Thad Jones and Harold Danko

This is a very nice release by Jones & Lewis. A rare quartet outing after years of doing their big band gigs. It's nice to hear Thad getting more solo space than on their earlier recordings. Harold Danko is solid on piano as well. This CD was well under the radar but worth getting.

<http://www.amcorner.com/forum/threads/the-thad-jones-mel-lewis-quartet-cd-0830.11788/>

Review by Scott Yanow

This is one of the finest small-group sessions of cornetist [Thad Jones](#)' career. With strong and very alert assistance from drummer [Mel Lewis](#) (his co-leader in their celebrated big band), pianist [Harold Danko](#), and bassist [Rufus Reid](#), [Jones](#) plays at his peak on six standards, two of which were issued for the initial time on this CD reissue. Four of the songs are at least nine minutes long (two are over 15 minutes), yet [Jones](#) never loses his momentum. The musicians

constantly surprise each other and there are many spontaneous moments during this often brilliant outing.

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