

DAVID WHITMAN

*Oh, Clara!*

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"OH, CLARA!," the debut recording from DAVID WHITMAN, features GEOFFREY KEEZER, ROB THORSEN, FRANCISCO TORRES, TOM LUER, CHRIS MONTGOMERY, TOMEK MIERNOWSKI, and the trumpet and compositions of Whitman's long-time collaborator ANDREW NEESLEY. The record is a reference to DAVID'S DAUGHTER, CLARA, and to the city of EAU CLAIRE, WISCONSIN, to which four of the eight musicians on the record have ties.

"OH CLARA!" features ten tracks that harken back to the days of BLUE NOTE, RIVERSIDE, and VERVE - when spontaneity, passion, and magic ruled the studio. Recorded in two sessions at CAPITOL STUDIOS in Hollywood, the record introduces two new arrangements and eight new compositions by Andrew Neesley. The charts capture a tenderness and intensity and are masterfully performed by the band of world class musicians, whose mastery of the language of jazz is as evident as the music is soulful and swinging.

You've found a common ground between STRONG CRAFTSMANSHIP without being institutional, and showing the SCHOOLED CHOPS while also being FUN. You nailed it with this being BLAKEY-ESQUE, and from my many years at Blue Note, I have listened to every bit of Blakey there is!

**JEFF ZAKIM**

(Marketing for Blue Note Label Group, 2001-2008)

David Whitman's IMPRESSIVE debut album as a leader demonstrates his mastery of delivering JUST THE RIGHT TOUCH WITH BRUSHES ("St. Nicholas Ave." & "Feelin' Alright") and his STEADY GROOVE with sticks especially his buhaina-flavored shuffle on "Monty's Bag" and DEEP-POCKET SWINGING on "Struttin' Home."

**WAYNE GOINS**

(Distinguished Jazz Professor, Author)

David's unique approach to the drums and cymbals reflects a true artist at work. EVERY NOTE SWINGS with a definite sense of urgency and sensitivity. "Oh, Clara!" is "THE" record for anyone interested in amazing music!

**DARRIAN DOUGLAS**

(Jazz Musician/Drummer)



### TRACKS

STRUTTIN' HOME  
I KNOW WHY  
MONTY'S BAG  
UNTITLED  
MORNINGSIDE HEIGHTS  
STOMPIN' AT THE SAVOY  
DEAR JOHN  
FEELIN' ALRIGHT  
SAINT NICHOLAS AVENUE  
QUIET

### MUSICIANS

DAVID WHITMAN, DRUMS  
GEOFFREY KEEZER, PIANO  
ROB THORSEN, BASS  
ANDREW NEESLEY, TRUMPET  
FRANCISCO TORRES, TROMBONE  
TOM LUER, TENOR SAX  
CHRIS MONTGOMERY, GUITAR  
TOMEK MIERNOWSKI, GUITAR

### PERSONNEL

Recorded & mixed by STEVE GENEWICK  
Mastered by BERNIE GRUNDMAN  
Produced by  
DAVID WHITMAN & CHRIS MONTGOMERY  
Proofing Engineer SCOTT JONES  
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