



FRANK WRIGHT Frank Wright Trio

Label

ESP-DISK

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LP

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Genre

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DESCRIPTION

Reissue, originally released on ESP Disk' in 1966. **Frank "The Reverend" Wright** was one of the most powerful saxophonists to pick up on **Albert Ayler's** freedom and ferocious playing. Born in Mississippi and raised in Memphis, TN and then Cleveland, OH, he started in music as a bassist in blues bands but switched to tenor sax under the influence of his Cleveland friend Albert Ayler. Wright's "energy music" approach to tenor saxophone was influenced by Ayler but at the time in the '60s Wright's intensity was unmatched and utterly distinctive. He followed Ayler to New York City, arriving in 1964 and fitting into the scene right away **John Coltrane** offered him a spot on his album *Ascension* in early 1965, though Wright demurred. ESP Disk' owner **Bernard Stollman** signed Wright on the spot upon hearing him sit in with Coltrane, and on November 11, 1965, Wright went into a New York studio to record his debut album, considered a free jazz classic. Wright's influence can be traced down to **Charles Gayle**, **Sabir Mateen**, and other hard-blowing tenormen, but even so, he remains unique. Personnel: Frank Wright - tenor saxophone; **Henry Grimes** - bass; **Tom Price** - drums. "Wright was throwing together ideas in a spirit of jubilation." – **Clifford Allen**, *All About Jazz* "... easily recommended to open-eared listeners who enjoy hearing fiery sound explorations." – **Scott Yanow**, *AllMusic*

TRACKLISTING

A1. The Earth 7:45
A2. Jerry 11:57
B1. The Moon 14:34 A1. The Earth (7:45)
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