



REUT REGEV'S R*TIME It's Now: R*Time Plays Doug Hammond

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DESCRIPTION

From **Howard Mandel**'s liner notes: "**Reut Regev** is a boundary-crossing composer-trombonist born in Israel, living and active in New York City and its metroplex since 1998, noted for four previous albums with drummer and coleader **Igal Foni** (her husband), three featuring the quartet **R*time**, the last two co-starring electric guitarist **Jean-Paul Bourelly**, all loaded with spiky, funky, free-wheeling originals, performed with a bang. Meeting **Hammond** after a concert in Austria, Regev and Foni were delighted to discover the man whose oeuvre they had long admired was equally enamored of their sound and attitude.

Correspondence led to *It's Now: R*time Plays Doug Hammond*, a unique collaboration setting the eminence's mature reflections on life, love, and music with the energy to render them timeless. Doug Hammond is a veteran American composer, drummer, percussionist, bandleader, singer-songwriter, essayist, and educator who is not nearly as well known in the U.S. as his music warrants. That may be largely because he's been based in Linz, Austria since 1989 as a professor at Bruckner University, making only periodic visits back to his native Detroit. Hammond's sixty-year career, begun with bluesman **Earl Hooker** and the R&B duo **Sam & Dave**, comprises more than a dozen albums under his own leadership starting with *Reflections in the Sea of Nurnen* from 1975, on which he played melodica and ARP synthesizer as well as drumming, crooning, and directing an octet. Independence, originality, fundamental tunefulness, and a spirit of inquiry characterize those *Reflections* as well as his subsequent releases, which include an anthology spotlighting hometown colleagues and first recordings of singer **Angela Bofill** (*Doug Hammond Special*), **Steve Coleman**'s nascent M-Base (*Spaces*), through-compositions for flute, piano, and cello (*Pictures and Hues*), trios with trumpet and bass (*May Be Blue and Singing Smiles*), an ambitious, eponymous (*Tentette*), live solo 'griot' shows (*Be You*). He's had professional associations with **Smokey Robinson**, **Sonny Rollins**, and **Charles Mingus** (who recorded 'Moves,' heard here with lyrics, as an album title track), among others. Musicians abroad regard him as a beacon.

TRACKLISTING

01. It's Now
02. Moves
03. Chico
04. Mellow Moments
05. Brother Ty
06. With a Tear
07. Deneka's Chant
08. Back Home
09. Riz Bizz
10. Mellow Moments (Instrumental)
11. Real Deal

HIGHLIGHTS

- **Reut Regev's R*time** presents *It's Now: R*time Plays Doug Hammond*, a unique collaboration setting the eminence's mature reflections on life, love, and music with the energy to render them timeless.
- **Reut Regev** is a boundary-crossing composer-trombonist born in Israel, living and active in New York City and its metroplex since 1998, noted for four previous albums with drummer and coleader **Igal Foni**.
- Meeting **Doug Hammond** after a concert in Austria, Regev and Foni were delighted to discover the man whose oeuvre they had long admired was equally enamored of their sound and attitude, a meeting which resulted in this album.

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