



## NEW JAZZ RELEASES – 07/24/2023

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**Pete McCann – Without Question** (McCannic Music, releases 08/04/2023). Steve Wilson – alto saxophone / soprano saxophone, Henry Hey – piano / Rhodes, Pete McCann – electric guitar / acoustic guitar, Matt Pavolka – electric bass, acoustic bass, Mark Ferber – drums.

The sax – piano – guitar – bass – drums quintet seems to be guitarist Pete McCann's favored format and this time out he has brought soprano / alto player Steve Wilson (Noah Haidu, Jae Sinnett, Christian McBride) into the mix. And to good effect. In a set of ten original compositions, McCann pays tribute to several influences – John Abercrombie (*I Can't Remember*), Lee Konitz (*Lovely Thing*), Oliver Messiaen (*Blues for O.M.*). Although he can distort and shred with authority, it is his quiet acoustic moments that resonate most with me – *Lost City* is a haunting reflection on New York City at the beginning of the COVID lockdown. The New York veteran has put out another solid release.

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Russell Perry, *Jazz at 100 Now!*