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JAZZ PIANIST RELEASES NEW CD**

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Pianist and composer/arranger Paul Potyen (poh' ti-en) has released his new CD, *Cowboy Jazz*, on Guacamole Records, the label president announced today. The new solo piano release by the veteran keyboardist contains 13 well-known cowboy songs, performed in a jazz style.

While some of the tracks are solo piano performances, many include local musicians from Northwest Colorado. Says Potyen, "Back in the forties, Bob Willis pioneered what became known as Western swing, a style that incorporated the driving rhythms of the jazz of that time. What the two musical genres of jazz and cowboy music have always had in common is honesty. As a player and lover of improvised music, I felt it was time to put my own spin on these timeless pieces, often with the help and inspiration of some of my musical colleagues in the Yampa Valley."

This collection of familiar pieces ranges from a modern flavor somewhat reminiscent of Keith Jarrett's solo work, to country swing and blues-tinged country rock. The CD shows yet another side of the versatile pianist, who has played with the Tony Williams Lifetime, the Headhunters, Chet Baker, Mel Torme, Jimmy Witherspoon, Tom Harrell, Mark Murphy, Bobby McFerrin, Mark Isham, and the San Francisco Symphony, to name a few.

His previous outing—*Facets*—was a solo piano effort, but one entirely devoted his original compositions. Potyen was also the featured pianist on *Got Sauce?*, a recent effort by Latin-Jazz group Soul Sauce, as well as jazz vocalist Pam Pierce's debut release, *Believe It!*"

You can listen to samples of music from *Cowboy Jazz* at Potyen's own website, located at <http://www.paulpotyen.com>. You can also purchase CDs from this site, as well as from CDBaby.com.

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