

The Hughes Smith Quintet



Detroit-based Jazz Quintet

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The HSQ is a Detroit-based jazz quintet that performs music with purpose. The group is spearheaded by Saxophonist James Hughes & trumpeter Jimmy Smith and features the rhythm section of Phil Kelly, Takashi Iio and Nate Winn. The quintet formed in the autumn of 2012 with the purpose of promoting their brand of Detroit be-bop. Fresh tunes, intricate arrangements, tight ensemble work, intriguing solos and music that swings are among the group's trademarks.

"...inspired by the grand Motor City jazz scene of the 1950s and early '60s, these players update and extend that tradition with excellent writing, arranging, and playing for the 21st century." -Thom Jurek, allmusic.com

The Hughes/Smith Quintet has performed numerous times at Cliff Bell's, Jazz Cafe at Music Hall, Motor City Wine, Cadieux Cafe, Black Lotus Brewery, and sets at the Michigan Jazz Festival, Experience Art Live Royal Oak Festival, St Columban Concert Series, and the Opportunity Detroit Concert Series. They have two recordings, FROM HERE ON OUT (2013) and EVER UP & ONWARD (2015). Their sophomore album made AllMusic's "Favorite Jazz Album" of 2015 list and has been played on radio stations all over the U.S.