



Yuri Honing.

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The Dutch jazz scene has a long and lively history of deconstructing orthodoxies with a mix of deadpan humour, high skill, and deft juggling of the far-out and the familiar. Saxophonist Yuri Honing has represented this tradition honorably for over a decade, performing with stars such as Herbie Hancock and Pat Metheny in the process. In earlier years, Honing conjured some inspired dissections of pop songs by Björk, Abba and Sting, with a mission statement of testing familiar tunes to quintessence or destruction. The pursuit continues with his new album, *True*, which includes pop material by Alison Goldfrapp and David Bowie. There's plenty of powerful new original material from this Berlin session, too, and Honing is joined by ECM-label pianist Wolfert Brederode, bassist Ruben Samama, not to mention the saxophonist's regular drummer for many years, the ingenious Joost Lijbaart.

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