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Pianist/Composer Amina Figarova to release new recording “Road to the Sun”

Musicians:

Amina Figarova – piano/ **Bart Platteau** – flutes/ **Alex Pope Norris** – trumpet/ **Luques Curtis** - bass
Wayne Escoffery - tenor, soprano sax/ **Marc Mommaas** - tenor, soprano sax/ **Jason Brown** - drums
Brian Richburg JR - drums/ **Hasan Bakr** – percussion/ **Sara Caswell** – violin/ **Lois Martin** – viola
Jody Redhage Ferber - cello

Tracks:

- 1) **Road to the Sun** - 5:13 * 2) **All We Dance** – 5:38 * 3) **Snow Mess** – 5:09 * 4) **Explorations** -5:45
- 5) **Tumbling Prisms** – 8:33 * 6) **Morning Mist** – 5:57 * 7) **Fall Eclipse** – 6:24 * 8) **On My Way** – 5:00
- 9) **Cool Breeze** – 7:01 * 10) **Circles** – 6:24 * 11) **No Time For** – 6:54

With this release Amina Figarova is celebrating the 20th anniversary of her band. In 1998, having a blast playing with a big band made up of students from Thelonius Monk's Institute of Jazz, outdoors, surrounded by the gorgeous mountains of Aspen Snow Mass, I was thinking how much I wanted to create a smaller band that would have the same power of a big band, but with so much more room in it for each musician to shine.

Little did I know this was the beginning of a beautiful journey, one that continues to this day, in which every concert, every recording is another beginning, another thrill, another joy. I conceived of the band as a septet twenty years ago, and later refined it to a sextet in 2005. And many of the most incredible musicians in the world have been a part of this band and of my band family. It is so much fun writing for them, trying out different directions, different unknowns; this continuous journey an exquisite adventure: enlightening, illuminating, beautiful, easy and challenging at the same time. - *Amina*

About Amina Figarova:

Amina Figarova was born in Baku, Azerbaijan, and as a child studied to be a classical concert pianist. In the late 1980s she entered Rotterdam Conservatory to pursue jazz, coming to the United State in 1989 to complete her formal education at Boston's Berklee College of Music (where she met Platteau, a fellow student from Belgium). In 1998, they were invited to the Thelonious Monk Institute's summer jazzcolony in Aspen, and after more than a decade of bookings in major U.S. jazz clubs, concert halls and festivals, the couple gained legal immigrant status in 2014. They currently live in Manhattan, and tour constantly.

Amina Figarova is available for interview

Please visit the Amina Figarova web site at: www.aminafigarova.com