

OPUS

ANDREI MATORIN



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Opus is the debut album by up-and-coming jazz violinist and composer **Andrei Matorin**. *Opus* seamlessly blends the harmonic and rhythmic intensity of modern jazz with the emotion and sensitivity of classical music while alluding to the soaring melodies of **Matorin's** native Brazil.

As a violinist **Matorin** builds on the tradition of jazz greats such as Jean-Luc Ponty, Miles Davis, John Coltrane and Horace Silver while developing his own, unique sound as a soloist. Born in Brazil in 1985, **Andrei Matorin** started playing violin after moving to the United States at the age of five. **Matorin** went on to pursue music studies in Italy and Switzerland before returning to Boston and studying Jazz Composition and Performance at the Berklee College of Music.

Accompanied by a phenomenal rhythm section on *Opus*, **Andrei Matorin's** abilities as a leader shine. Pianist Takeshi Ohbayashi was a semi-finalist in the 2007 Montreux Jazz Piano Competition and placed third at the 2009 Jacksonville Jazz Festival. Bassist and Grammy Award winner Luques Curtis has quickly become a highly sought after anchor in New York City. Rounding out the group, drummer Dan Pugach is a recent addition to the New York Jazz Scene and is one of the top drummers to come out of Berklee in recent years.

"**Andrei plays the violin like no other.** [He] is not just a fine musician, but a beautiful person, a Spiritual being with vision and purpose. As a friend and collaborator, I really look forward to seeing and hearing what he comes up with in the future."

~ Rakalam Bob Moses

"**Andrei Matorin is a really fine jazz violinist and composer,** one of the best that I know of... It has been a pleasure watching him develop into a **player and writer of such taste and creativity.** If he comes to play in your town you really should check him out. **You'll be the richer for it!"**

~ Matt Glaser
String Department Chair
Berklee College of Music

"[Andrei] has shown remarkable talent and great potential in classical music and jazz. He has been a passionate improviser who can add beautiful color and energy to my compositions"

~ Tiger Okoshi

"a very talented musician."

~ George Garzone



Track Listing:

1. **Smile (8:46)**
2. **Then and Now (7:39)**
3. **Coming home (7:30)**
4. **Silver Blue (6:25)**
5. **Trancoso (6:25)**
6. **One Last Song (7:45)**
7. **Hymn No. 1 (7:02)**
8. **Sunday Blues (5:16)**

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