



Lawson Rollins
Espirito
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Guitarist Lawson Rollins is well known as part of the duo Young & Rollins, which specializes in flamenco style jazz. A while back Rollins put out *Infinita*, which had a fuller band sound and successfully mixed Middle Eastern and Iberian sounds with some excellent soloing. His follow up *Espirito* is even better, as his guitar work is even more dynamic and dramatic than the predecessor. Tunes like the opening "Rumba del Sol" and "Return To Rio" mix Brazilian rhythms with Mediterranean sounds and lilts. There is an Iberian feel to the title track, while "The Caravan Trilogy" evokes images of sandy Bedouin sunsets. Charlie Bisharat's violin and Dave Bryant's percussion keep the music both swinging enough for the jazz fan and exotic enough for the traveler. Excellent stuff here from Rollins, once again.