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## **Still I Rise Album Info & Assets**

### **Still I Rise Album Description/Blurb**

*Still I Rise* showcases Derrick's formidable trumpet chops, but also his finesse as a composer and arranger. From greasy blues to extravagant showstoppers to languid ballads, these tunes have sinew and sparkle, muscle and shimmer. His soli sections are fully charged, and his compositional ideas move brilliantly through the band, making room for inspired soloing. He lets his star players blaze, and makes room for the younger players to shoulder in.

*Still I Rise* is a sleek, powerful, gorgeous project, and under all the brilliance is a driving energy which is both musical and political. Buckle up—this ride is real!

—Charlene Diehl, Associate editor, *dig! magazine*

### **Derrick Gardner Video List**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dbxqbbLSJcw> - "The Making of *Still I Rise*" 30 min documentary

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=028ki6a2u0Y> – *Still I Rise* single performance video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0f8UjN9PrKY> – *Melody For Trayvon* single performance video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UPYceDJWHCU> – *Heavens To Murgatroyd* single performance video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tzbOuClq7ps> – *I Thought About You* w/ The Jazz Prophets @ Dizzy's (2011)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=f3BRvrlNDkU> – *To Infinity* w/ The Jazz Prophets @ Dizzy's (2011)

### **Social Media Pages**

**Instagram:** @dgzphotoop

**Twitter:** @dgardnr

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/thebigdigband](http://www.facebook.com/thebigdigband)

Additionally, here is the link to the Jazz Prophets Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/jazzprophets](http://www.facebook.com/jazzprophets)

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### **Websites**

Artist Website: <http://www.derrickgardnermusic.com/>

Label Website: <http://impactmusicinc.com/>

Album Website: <http://stillirisealbum.com/>

### **Still I Rise Album Roster**

DERRICK GARDNER: Composer • Arranger • Conductor

#### **SAXOPHONES**

First alto and soprano: Mark Gross (New York, NY)

Second alto: Greg Gatien (Brandon, MB)

First tenor: Rob Dixon (Indianapolis, IN)

Second tenor: Tristan Martinuson (Winnipeg, MB)

Baritone: Ken Gold (Winnipeg, MB)

#### **TRUMPETS**

First trumpet: Bijon Watson (Boston, MA)

Second trumpet: Jeff Johnson (Winnipeg, MB)

Third trumpet: Curtis Taylor (San Diego, CA)

Fourth trumpet: Andrew Littleford (Winnipeg, MB)

Solo trumpet: Derrick Gardner (Winnipeg, MB)

#### **TROMBONES**

First trombone: Vincent Gardner (Houston, TX)

Second trombone: Joel Green (Winnipeg, MB)

Third trombone: Anthony Bryson (Dayton, OH)

Bass trombone: Bill Green (Winnipeg, MB)

#### **RHYTHM SECTION**

Piano: Zen Zadravec (Detroit, MI)

Bass: Luke Sellick (New York, NY)

Guitar: Kasey Kurtz (Winnipeg, MB)

Drums: Curtis Nowosad (New York, NY)