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JOSEPH CARTER III

In The Now

(Velvet Swan Music)

Jazz and blues guitarist Joseph Carter's newest CD, *In The Now*, will musically challenge any jazz lover from start to finish. All the songs are bold compositions and extend a feeling of warmth and intimacy to the listener. The melodies are well written and very original. The musicianship displayed is top notch. Joining Carter are Stuart Waters on piano and Bob Murway on drums. Songs that have a strong presence are "Goodbye My Love"—the arrangement is perfect, "Dream You Awake" and the opening track, "Inside Out," which also lend themselves to the same mastery.

Joe Carter's compositions are innovative and fresh. *In The Now* is guaranteed to be a well-kept



treasure for the jazz enthusiast looking to add something new to their collection. Don't be without this one. For more information on Joseph Carter you can log on to www.velvetwanmusic.com. -**Kimberly Schedel**