



**“STRAIGHT AHEAD
BACKWARDS”**

Joseph Carter III guitar
Stu Waters keyboards
Walter Perkins drums

This Joe Carter III is the left handed player who often plays in a duo with JJG contributor Peter Rogine. A quick listen to his work here with his group reveals a very fine player. The 7 tracks reveals Joe's love of the blues, bebop and modern 20th century music. The second track, "Peaches" is a straight ahead 'bop' influenced blow on the Out of Nowhere changes and other familiar changes (rhythm, 12 bar blues) are used but Joseph's sense of melody & arrangements stop this session from becoming predictable. His playing is well schooled, his solos fluent & interesting. One track draws heavily on the jazz greats like Raney, Burrell etc. followed by tracks like "King Charles Shuffle" and "Just One More Touch" which gets their share of blues licks. A very listenable CD, flawlessly executed, well recorded and above all extremely musical.

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