

ARI HOENIG LINES OF OPPRESSION

A brilliant new release firmly cements the avantjazz drummer as a player to check out.

ARI HOENIG won't be accused of taking the safe route on his latest offering of progressive punk-bop.

Blink, and you'll miss a wealth of advanced rhythmic information. from the stutter-step, odd-time maneuvering on "Arrows and Loops" to the twisting and turning solo on the title track. The pitch-changing mallet work on the head of "Moanin" is remarkable, and Hoenig swings and rocks hard with equal measure throughout the album. A group of stellar young sidemen and a marvelous kit recording necessitate repeated listening. (arihoenig.com) Ilya Stemkovsky