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While writing prolifically for TV and film since the 1980s, Beasley has worked with Sergio Mendes, Steely Dan and Miles Davis. More recently (2008) he had a jazz hit with his all-star tribute, *Letter to Herbie*, but now he's put together **a masterful funk trio**. The other two Brave Souls are Miles alumni too, as drummer Ndugu Chancler worked with Davis in the early '70s and bassist Darryl Jones played on *Decoy* and *You're Under Arrest*. Briefly-heard guests here include Bob Sheppard and Gregoire Maret, and there's a scattering of soulful vocals from Sy Smith. If you can still **groove to the meatiest, beatiest keyboard sounds**, this is for you.