



Analog Spark

Paul Desmond: Desmond Blue

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Originally released as part of RCA Victor's Living Stereo series in 1962, "Desmond Blue" is a sonic spectacular that features alto saxophonist Paul Desmond at his best. Although perhaps best known as a member of The Dave Brubeck Quartet and composer of "Take Five", Desmond's solo effort is a welcome spotlight on his immense talent. A longtime audiophile favorite, the album features Desmond uniquely backed by a string orchestra and was recorded by George Avakian at Webster Hall over the course of three separate performances in September and October 1961. Desmond's melodic playing consistently guides the orchestra through arrangements of standards such as "My Funny Valentine", "I've Got You Under My Skin" and "Body and Soul". Analog Spark is happy to announce a new reissue of this essential album — cut from the original stereo tapes by Ryan Smith at Sterling Sound and pressed at RTI on 180-gram vinyl.

"Desmond Blue" - Paul Desmond (sax); Jim Hall (g); Bob Prince (arr, cond) & strings