



Khiov Music LP 43002
John Scofield: A Go Go
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John Scofield owes a great deal to Medeski, Martin & Wood for the success of "A Go Go". The piano/organ, bass, and drum playing trio adds a world of bouncing vibes to Scofield's inquisitive, happy guitar work here. "A Go Go" is an album of mostly breezy, sometimes tense, jam-based grooves. The album's charm is in its 'city meets the tropics' feel. The four players create such a warm, vibrant sound that resisting the urge to tap one's feet along with the beat becomes a near impossibility. The opening song is a treat of plucked guitars and tightly packed new jazz. Other standouts are "Kubrick", a swooning, gentle change of pace packed with background tension, and "Hottentot", a tour de force of dynamic interplay. There's nary a moment of filler to be found across the ten tracks. It's clear that Scofield enjoyed the collaboration, as his guitars seem to nearly speak joy. His alternately jangling and plucking style sees him weaving in and out of the young trio's sound net with ample confidence. As fun as "A Go Go" is, it's just as well-sequenced, as Scofield and company vary their pace and tone expertly throughout the album's running time. "A Go Go" is far more than four cool cats jamming together and enjoying each other's company. It's an immensely entertaining, enlightening ride.

Recording: at Avatar Studio, New York, by Joe Ferla,
Production: Noel Grey & Susan Scofield "A Go Go" - John Scofield (g, el-g, whistle); John Medeski (org, wurlitzer, clavinet, p); Chris Wood (b, el-b); Billy Martin (dr, tam)