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Us3: Hand On The Torch
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Hip-hop/jazz fusionisters Us3 have forged the most elaborate union between the styles since the early days of Gang Starr and A Tribe Called Quest. Blue Note's vast catalog gives them a huge advantage over several similar groups in terms of source material, and classic sounds by Art Blakey, Horace Silver, and Herbie Hancock provide zest and fiber to their narratives. Indeed, when things falter, it's because the raps aren't always that creative. But when words and music mesh, as on "Cantaloop" or "The Darkside", Us3 show how effectively hip-hop and jazz can blend.

Recording: at Flame Studios, London

Production: Mel Simpson & Geoff Wilkinson "Hand On The Torch" - Mel Simpson (keyb); Gerard Presencer (tp); Dennis Rollins (tb); Mike Smith (ts); Ed Jones (ss, ts); Steve Williamson (ss); Tony Remy (g); Matt Cooper (p); Marie Harper, Rahsaan, Kobie Powell, Tuky Yoot (voc)