



ORGM 1087

Thelonious Monk: Solo Monk

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Command. Dexterity. Fervor. Vision. Thelonious Monk's 1964 solo affair ranks among the pioneering pianist's most introspective, cerebral, and emotional outings. His trademark angularity informs a majority of the pieces, yet so does grand classicism and melodic rapture.

Monk's readings of the originals and standards practically stand the tunes on their collective ears. With nothing in the way of his hands on the piano keys, he delivers pieces such as "Ruby, My Dear" with unfettered intensity and marvelous sophistication, and by equal measures, turns solemn and introspective on compositions like "Everything Happens to Me".

Even if you've heard Monk perform some of these songs in a band setting, you ain't heard nothing yet. Solo Monk is simply amazing. And now, mastered from the original master tapes, ORG Music's 180g LP brings all the music closer, and into more transparent form, than ever before. This record is an analog treasure and will become a reference in your collection.

"Solo Monk" - Thelonious Monk (p)