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Review: Another Strumming in the Blue by Attila Vural

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There is so much to listen to in an Attila Vural song. Rhythmic patterns, baselines, melody, tempo changes – each playing brings another surprise if you put everything aside and really listen.

“Another Strumming in the Blue” is packed with examples of this. Starting with “Painting a Reverie,” which, although short and solo, sounds like a trio of percussion, bass, and jazz guitar.

Lukas Strub joins Attila with “Constantinople,” a favorite but even more impressive with Strub’s grand piano. Many of Attila’s compositions have a multi-movement structure and “Constantinople” displays a marvelous tension between ballad and driving technique. This version is good for many listenings. I’d been looking forward to hearing what Attila

would do with “Samba Pa Ti.” I consider it one of the most beautiful of instrumentals. Can even Attila’s prodigious talent do it justice? Of course! “Samba Pa Ti” is one of the two covers on this album.

As much as I would like to write at length about each song on the album, I will force myself to edit and summarize. From the titles – his talent for image-laden titles intrigues me and I sometimes contemplate creating a story or poem just from Attila’s CD and song titles – to his technique, Attila’s music endures. Those of you who have seen him in person know of the visual quality of his performances and his amazing playing skill. There is much much more though, and I can’t recommend highly enough and evening of quite, focused listening to an Attila Vural CD.

But just one more - “Traveled for Miles” from my notes - “a beautiful tone poem. Low light, candles, deep red wine... but wait – we pause in mid-sip to savor the elegant descending harmony. What was that?”

And so it goes – another wonderful upbeat entry with Lukas Strub, Isam Shehade’s sax and bass clarinet punctuating two others, and not a one to throw away. No – rather, the impulse is to put on another Attila Vural CD, or listen to this one again.

Attila produced two new CDs in 2016 - the other is "With Dom at the Meeting Point." Visit www.lavural.com to listen and acquire