



The  
**ROYAL  
 BOPSTERS  
 PROJECT**

On  
**Motema Records**



"4 1/2 stars"

Five top pick lists for  
 2015 CD releases

Birdland, NY week long  
 sold out debut

San Jose Jazz Festival  
 2016

♪ "Extraordinary...The Royal Bopsters Project vividly makes the case for a revival of the art of vocalese."  
 - **Allen Morrison, Downbeat**

♪ "If this disc featured just the quartet, it would be sensational. The addition of the icons, showcased once each (with Murphy provided wider presence) and all in remarkably fine form, escalates it from valuable to priceless, from piquant to landmark.."-**Christopher Loudon, Jazz Times**

♪ "A magnum opus of jazz and song, gathering and celebrating bop and vocalese with the best (and last) of the definitive jazz singers..." - **Michael Bourne, Singers Unlimited, WBGO**

♪ "...the presence of these monarchs of vocal jazz in no way intimidates the Bopsters, who swing and scat with energy, accuracy and melodic inventiveness." - **Peter Jones, London Jazz News**



With singers ranging from age 34 to 94, The Royal Bopsters Project is a multi-generational vocal summit on which the talents of singers **Holli Ross, Amy London, Dylan Pramuk** and **Pete McGuinness** (having replaced Darmon Meader) unite in harmony to pay tribute to the art of vocalese singing. The five vocalese pioneers featured on The Royal Bopsters each helped to invent the vocalese art form: NEA Jazz Masters and Grammy Award-winners, Jon Hendricks and Annie Ross, of Lambert, Hendricks & Ross; NEA Jazz Master, Sheila Jordan; Schoolhouse Rock mastermind, Bob Dorough, each take a turn in the guest spotlight. The true inspiration for the project features the quintessential Bopster himself, Mark Murphy in what was to be his last major recording endeavor. The Royal Bopsters, all accredited jazz educators, also perform solo as the strong vocal quartet they have proven to be. The addition of one or more of the Jazz Elders sharing the stage for on going performances continue to thrill jazz fans new and old as the musical torch gets passed down.

**Track Listing**

- 1 **Music In The Air**
- 2 **On The Red Clay (Red Clay)**
- 3 **Peace**
- 4 **Basheer, The Snake and The Mirror**
- 5 **Senor Blues**
- 6 **Invitation**
- 7 **Bird Chasin'**
- 8 **Music Is Forever**
- 9 **Bebop Lives (Boplicity)**
- 10 **Just Step Right Up**
- 11 **Noting Like You Has Ever Been Seen Before**
- 12 **Let's Fly**

With

- Steve Schmidt**
- Sean Smith**
- Steve Williams**
- Steve Kroon**

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**Amy London**

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