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REBECCA ANGEL

JET SAMBA (Timeless Grooves 190394722616). Angel (v); Jason Miles (kyb); Dennis Angel (flh); Gottfried Stoger (f); Cyro Baptista (pc) and others. NYC, 2016. ★★ ★★

With a celebrated R&B/jazz producer in her corner in the form of renowned keyboardist Jason Miles, Rebecca Angel's lyrical rearrangement of Brazilian Marcos Valle's instrumental hit of 2005 is a wonderfully sensual interpretation. Sophisticated and charming in equal measure, Angel's vocal and her band's combined musicality masters the jazz, samba and pop fusions perfectly. The lyrics by Ronaldo Bastos are catchy and very fitting to this fresh new arrangement. An impressive EP taster of what will hopefully turn out to be a future album of similar music. (Jason Balzarano)