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Allegato Quintet at Dizzy's Jazz Club on January 25th, 2009

Spare, inexpensive and comfortable, Dizzy's Jazz Club at 3rd Avenue and K Street sits amidst the urban regeneration that typifies much of downtown San Diego. On January 25 it played host to the Allegato Quintet for a celebration of the musical collaborations of French vocalist Henri Salvador & Brazilian composer Antonio Carlos Jobim. Featuring vocalist Allison Adams Tucker with Danny Green on piano, Duncan Moore drums, the excellent Evona Wascinski on upright and electric bass plus Tripp Sprague playing sax, flute and harmonica, the combo were well rehearsed and struck an instant chord with the small but appreciative crowd.

Not surprisingly it was the hugely talented and linguistically dexterous Tucker who knitted the show together with her explanations and insights into each of the featured tunes. When in 2008 I reviewed her own album *'Come With Me'* I described it as indicating that great jazz is not always defined by what a song is but more by how it feels and as she generously shared the limelight at Dizzy's with her fellow players the performances of Tripp Sprague and Danny Green turned out to be particularly notable. In fact Greens debut CD *'With You In Mind'* is now available and already catching the attention of those 'in the know'. Also featuring the soprano sax of Sprague the album is jazzy in a straight ahead kind of way yet accessible too and this is perfectly demonstrated by the wonderfully tender title cut. In fact Green composed ten of the eleven choice tracks over the period from November 2005 to March 2008 and the sophisticated maturity that each display suggests he has a promising career ahead of him.

As for Dizzys, it has existed as a music space since 2000 when owner Chuck Perrin struck a deal for a dusty storage room in an old 1911 warehouse across the street from where Petco Park now is. When in 2007 the city mandated that the old warehouse undergo a massive retrofit, Dizzy's moved to its current location at the San Diego Wine & Culinary Center where patrons now have the added benefit of enjoying a glass of wine and a snack from the Center's menu.

For more, and to check out Dizzy's schedule, go to www.dizzyssandiego.com

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