



# UK CD REVIEWS ...



*with*  
**PETER GREEN**

## **TRACINGS - MIKE TRACY**

Sea Breeze SB-3062 59.33 mins

*August 5 / Melancia / Vera Cruz / September 15 / Favela / Balalo / Tracing / Once I Loved.*

Basically this is a very fine quartet of Michael Tracy - tenor, soprano and percussion, Renato Vasconcellos - keyboards and percussion, Tyrone Wheeler - acoustic and electric bass, Terry O'Mahoney - drums and percussion, but Steve Allee's stylish piano is added to tracks 1 and 7, great Brazilian drummer Erivelton Silva is added to the exciting rhythm section on tracks 5, 6 and 8. The rhythmic guitar of Pat Lentz is on tracks 2 and 3 whilst the haunting "Vera Cruz" has a wordless vocal by Kathy Jordan add the rich toned tenor of Mike Tracy and you have a very exciting group. The interplay between soloists and ensemble work is quite breathtaking. A very fine example of Brazilian Jazz in a modern manner with a wonderful display of percussive instruments. Sample "August 5" which is between a Cuban mambo feel and Mike Tracy's driving tenor in a swing manner. Incidentally the CD includes some really lovely bass playing from Tyrone Wheeler. **(PETER GREEN)**