

# Mike



# Allen

## Media Quotes

*Spare, elegant, melodic, soaring, fierce - Vancouver's Mike Allen has arrived as the country's top jazz saxophonist. Echoes of John Coltrane, Ornette Coleman and Joe Lovano resonate through Allen's work, but the Vancouver-based saxman has channeled them into a voice of his own, by turns soulful, intense, lush and dynamic.*

**Doug Fischer, Ottawa Citizen**

*An accomplished musician who has studied Coltrane in depth and forged a style that is fresh and vital.*

**Jazz Journal International**

*Allen remained, like Rollins before him – a supremely melodic improviser - an original in the making. One of a half-dozen interesting Canadians to watch.*

**Mark Miller, Globe And Mail**

*Mike Allen's world is well worth a visit.*

**Andy Hurlbut, The Jazz Report**

*Songs that imply a spiritual search - an ideal backdrop for Allen's broad, brawny solo.*

**James Hale, DownBeat**

*Allen's improvisations swing effortlessly and eschew stock clichés in favor of more inventive phraseology.*

**David Franklin, Cadence Magazine**

*Allen's tone is as pure as that of Joe Henderson. His aesthetic habits come straight out of a blue-chip tenor tradition: from Joe Lovano back to Coleman Hawkins and into his primary inspiration, John Coltrane.*

**Marke Andrews/Greg Buium, Vancouver Sun**

*Besides his stunning, smooth, smoky tone and relentless attack, Allen's true strength is his ability to pace and phrase his solos in a way that draws a listener into the music.*

**Dave Coon, Planet Jazz**

*Vancouver-based saxophonist Mike Allen is a local jazz treasure. Fearless (Almus Jazz/Warner) is the latest recorded evidence of his soulful genius.*

**Joe Blake, Victoria Times-Colonist**

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