## **JOHN VANORE** & Abstract Truth

Culture defines us as people—it defines us at a given time. For this recording, I wanted to establish the "culture" of the truth, (I like to refer to my ensemble as simply, the truth). Jazz, as a culture, has been represented by innovators and creators shaping their own voices. In CULTURE, Abstract Truth defines our voice by presenting a uniquely instrumented large ensemble, where the solo voice is prominent, if not dominant. The ensemble provides a landscape unique unto itself, drawing on the traditions of the big band, but neither limited by nor imitating it. Storytelling. "Easter Island Suite" looks into the mystery and myth of a culture on a tiny island that left us hundreds of statues and many unanswered questions. In "Whispers of Spring," the rain lets up in the morning to the beauty of nature. Wayne Shorter is a cultural icon of jazz. His classic, "Footprints," is now redefined. The adaptation of Federico Mompou's "Canción #5" is an homage to the great influence of Spanish music on jazz.

There is more to come...!!! John Vanore, 2013

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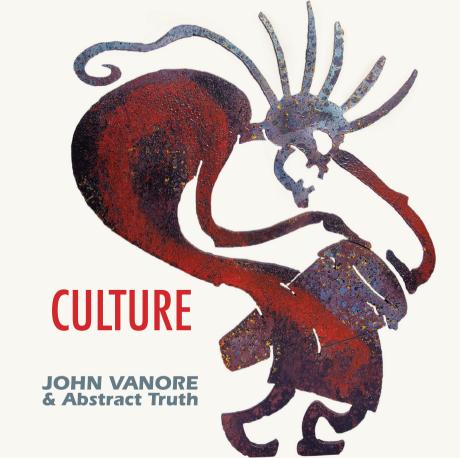
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- 2 PARALLAX Kevin Rodners Bob Howell, tenor sax; John Vanore, trumpet; Greg Kettinger, guitar FASTER ISLAND SILITE John Vanore
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- 4 Mvt. 2 GODS & DEVILS Bob Howell, tenor sax; John Vanore, trumpet
- 5 Mvt. 3 THE SECRET CAVES Michael Mee, alto flute; Bob Howell, soprano sax; Brian Landrus, bass clarinet
- 6 WHISPERS OF SPRING John Vanore Michael Mee, alto sax; Ron Thomas, piano; Greg Kettinger, quitar; Craig Thomas, bass; Dan Monaghan, drums
- 7 THE ARSENAL John Vanore Barry McCommon, bass trombone; Joe Cataldo, trumpet; Michael Mee, alto sax; Craig Thomas, bass; Sean Mcanally, trumpet
- 8 MOMPOU adapted by John Vanore from Canción #5 by Federico Mompou Bob Howell, tenor sax; Dan Monaghan, drums

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trumpet & flugelhorn Joe Cataldo Sean McAnally trumpet & flugelhorn Dennis Wasko trumpet & flugelhorn Kevin Rodaers trumpet & flugelhorn George Barnett French horn

Larry Toft trombone Barry McCommon bass trombone

Greg Kettinger

Craig Thomas bass (and waterphone in The Secret Caves)

Dan Monaghan

Additional performers:

Ron Thomas piano (Footprints & Whispers of Sprina) bass clarinet (The Secret Caves & The Arsenal) Brian Landrus

All compostions by John Vanore (Sentient Music BMI) except Parallax, composed by Kevin Rodaers (Crack of Dawn Music ASCAP). Footprints by Wayne Shorter, arr. John Vanore, and Cancion #5 by Federico Mompou, adapted by John Vanore

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### CREDITS

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Route (AC-15) Personnel: Tenor Saxophone Soloist: Mike Falcone: Trumpets: Rocco Bene, Joe Fallon, Brian Groder, Kevin Rodgers; Trombones: Mike Galan, Jose Vidal: French Horn: George Barnett:

Alto Sax: Michael Mee; Piano: Ron Thomas; Bass: Craig Thomas; Drums: Joe Nero

Dedicated to my father for his unqualified support of anything I wanted to do.

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