

# FRANCESCO AMENTA

## MIDTOWN WALK

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**FRANCESCO AMENTA** is releasing **MIDTOWN WALK**, his second album as a leader, featuring mostly original tunes penned by the composer, tenor saxophonist, and pianist. Amenta was born and raised in Italy but has been living in New York City since 2017, where he has become a regular on the city's jazz scene.

**MIDTOWN WALK** comprises seven of Amenta's compositions and one piece by Duke Ellington, "Come Sunday," which Amenta wanted to record because of his love for Ellington's music. The other seven tunes convey Amenta's impressions of his life in the United States.

Amenta's sax playing has a rich, full tone. There is a lyrical quality to both his playing and composing that is very inviting. He easily conveys feeling and warmth without being emotional or cloying. "For me, composing is storytelling," says Amenta. "I might write about my family and my experiences. Or I might write a piece just about my impressions of a beautiful day. What's important for me is the emotional immediacy of an experience, which I try to capture in my compositions."

Amenta's genuinely warm personality shines through his playing and compositions on this album. Backed by a top-notch band that is completely in sync with his attitude and approach, **MIDTOWN WALK** is an auspicious American recording debut for Francesco Amenta.



**FRANCESCO AMENTA** tenor sax  
**CYRUS CHESTNUT** piano  
**KIMON KAROUTZOS** bass  
**GARY KERKEZOU** drums

All songs composed by **FRANCESCO AMENTA** except  
"Come Sunday" composed by Duke Ellington

Produced by **JOHN LEE**

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1. **DANCING** 5:35
2. **HOME** 6:44
3. **BUNCH OF TIME** 8:16
4. **NUMBER 9** 5:34
5. **O6/22** 8:31
6. **TRAVELERS** 7:33
7. **BURGUNDY 45** 5:16
8. **COME SUNDAY** 11:58

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