

The Presence of Wonder

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Pam Asberry has been building up to this moment since the release of her debut album *Seashells in my Pocket* back in 2017, and this could well be the grand stage of piano that lifts her to the very top of the tree in 2019.

This new release has a real upsurge of both energy and experience, and tracks like the beautifully textured title offering **The Presence of Wonder** really highlight just what an accomplished pianist Asberry is becoming, the track has such a reverence of reality about it.

One of my personal favourites was the almost classical reverie inspired magic of the track **Nebula**. With ease film score standard and played with the confidence of an artist who truly believes in herself.

This thirteen track album is packed with music that takes you on a wonderful journey through many chapters of musical genius, like the addictive **Above the Clouds**, or the deeply powerful opus of **Surrender**. One thing is for sure, Asberry has pulled all the stops out for this release, one can literally feel the energy bristle with each track played.

The album though is balanced like a ballerinas dance across a smoky stage, listen to the harmonious delights of pieces like **The Kindness of Strangers**, a track blessed with love and tenderness, partner that with **Wishes in the Wind**, a smooth and charming narrative that would make anyone's day shine brighter and finally ending this delightful moment of musical time with the composition simply entitled, **Now**, a perfect ending indeed.

There can be no doubt that this in my opinion is Asberry's breakout album, whilst Seashells was good, this is outstanding, the time, the thought, the sheer hard work and love that must have gone into creating this album is immense and deserves to be rewarded. **The Presence of Wonder** is truly a landmark in the career of pianist **Pam Asberry** and one that for me is very easy to recommend.