



Chris Cortez
HOLD IT RIGHT THERE

Chris Cortez - Guitar, Vocals, Producer, Engineer.

Recorded at Blue Bamboo Studios from December 2002 - March 2003.

Graphic Design - **Heidi Mills**
Piano Tech. - **Lance Lafargue**

Bass - **Tommy Sciple**

Drums - **Jeff Mills**

Trumpet - **Jay Webb**

Piano - **Dean Fransen** *

Tenor, alto sax, clarinet - **Larry Panella** **

* Piano on "Lullaby Of Birdland," "Jordu," "Way Down Yonder," and "Benny's From Heaven." - **Sam Bruton**

** Tenor Sax on "Hold It Right There" & soprano sax on "Tico Tico." - **Reggie Murray**

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Producer's notes: This collection of standards is lovingly offered in tribute to Wes Montgomery, Joe Williams, Tony Bennett, James Moody, Jon Hendricks, Eddie Jefferson, George Shearing, Fats Waller, Louis Armstrong, Duke Ellington, Count Basie, Miles Davis, Charlie Parker, Dizzy Gillespie, Freddy Green, Jim Hall, Ron Carter, Thelonius Monk, Jelly Roll Morton, and many others too numerous to mention. They set the bar very high.

Most of my previously released material has been instrumental fusion and smooth jazz, but I regularly perform as a "straight ahead" singing guitarist. This disc represents a typical set, you might hear on any night in New Orleans. Most of these songs have been in my book for more than twenty years. It's ironic that I've never done a recording project of this material but I'm so glad I finally did.

This is a fantastic band in a first class setting, playing tunes we play every night. Swinging straight ahead jazz, blues, and bop. Many of my family and friends have been waiting a long time for this disc.

Thanks for Listening!

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