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Thanks A Million
(Palmetto)

Pianist Million's second disc for Palmetto features some delightfully outside playing by the man himself and his studied bandmates. Two horn players, Randy Brecker and Chris Potter, provide a very cohesive and mature sound to the disc. This is best exemplified by their stratospheric interplay on the Latin feeling "Page Six". The brazilbeat touches on "Lagoa" with the drive of Michael Moore and Ron Vincent (bass and drums) combined with the performance of the above mentioned horn players make this a standout selection.

Million seems to favor unusual time signatures that will occasionally catch the listener off guard. This is fun and makes for nimble playing by the whole ensemble. The disc has a different and unique flavor, and different is good.

--Jonathan Barg