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## *Worth Knowing*

Jazz Artists You've Never Heard Who Are as Good as the Ones You Have

**BART GROOMS**

**Steve Million** is a Chicago-based pianist whose authority and distinctive phrasing are witnesses to his two decades as a pro. *Truth Is . . .* (Palmetto) is only his third album, yet this man is clearly in the big leagues in his mature use of space and Monk-like dissonance in his soloing. And again, the composing is rich and the arranging distinctive, giving the album a standout feel among mainstream post-bop albums. The excellent band includes Randy Brecker (trumpet) and Dick Oatts (tenor and soprano saxes).