

ANDY BEY 'EXPERIENCE AND JUDGMENT VINYL RECORD' (ATLANTIC RECORDS/SPEAKERS CORNER RECORDS/GERMAN IMPORT)

The American jazz singer and pianist ANDY BEY is now 82 years old and his album Experience And Judgment was released 48 years ago when he was 34 years of age. He was a major influence on numerous modern jazz/soul singers, such as JAMIE COLLUM, JOHN LEGEND and GREGORY PORTER, and while listening you can clearly hear why, because Andy has a wide vocal range, with a four-octave baritone voice, and he sounds phenomenal on this record which has now been carefully remastered and re-released on vinyl, sounding crystal clear and better than ever. It's a pity he is not that well-known with a bigger audience, because it's a joy listening to such a beautiful unique voice. Songs like Tune Up, Being Uptight, Celestial Blues, and the superb Judgment are timeless classics that have that typical classic 70s sound, which is a mix of funk, soul, jazz-fusion and a touch of blues/rock. The album marked his debut as a solo singer back in 1974, and besides Andy on vocals and piano, we can also enjoy the likes of Wilbur Bascomb – electric bass, Selwart Clarke – violin, viola, George Davis – additional guitar, Bill Fischer – percussion, electric piano, organ, harpsichord, synthesizer, Richard Resnicoff – guitar, Buddy Williams – drums and Jimmy Young – drums. Together they created a classic record that definitely stood the test of time, and as already mentioned before, it is a pity ANDY BEY never got that big, because his voice is simply amazing and belongs to the best in soul/funk. The vinyl album is available through: <https://www.jpc.de/?lang=en> (Europe) and <http://www.acousticsounds.com> (USA).

(Points: 8.7 out of 10)