

Reviews & Quotes for Kevin Hays

“A jolt of Joy”

— The New York Times

“There are plenty of talented pianists....but few have Hays's melodic charms and sense of style.”

— The New Yorker/'Best of the Year'

“Kevin Hays is a true original. Everything he plays has a deep intelligence and swing.”

— Brad Mehldau

“He's all encompassing. Phenomenally so!”

— John Scofield

“I've never met a musician who is as perfect in their approach to improvisation.”

— Nicholas Payton

Reviews for New Day Trio

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North

(2016-17)

#1 Top Discs of 2016

— Masatoshi Okazaki, Stereo Magazine (Japan)

“To die for music.”

★★★★½

— All About Jazz

“Throughout the set, Hays and his rhythm team deliver consistently inviting performances that display a tantalizing blend of reflection and bravura.”

— Mark Holston, Jazziz

“[North] shines light on Hays’s scintillating gift for thematic improvisation, fluent phrasing, sparkling tone, and lucid articulation, plus his smooth prestidigitation with time signatures and smart, luminous harmonic surprises.”

— Owen McNally, WNPR

“The common denominator is brilliant playing by Hays and excellent work by his trio-mates... Aside from his stellar keyboard work, it's Hays's compositions that win the day”

— Ron Netsky, Rochester City Newspaper