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## BLICHER/HEMMER/GADD

BLICHER/HEMMER/GADD (C-Nut 06). Michael Blicher (s, f); Dan Hemmer (org); Steve Gadd (d). Scandinavia, 2014. ★★★★★

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Steve Gadd will be the major draw, but the trio are technically well matched. Gadd's tactile sound and varied approach to time and colour on the simplest of grooves is unmistakable, a delight, but though he stand out, he works as part of the group. The music, idiomatic organ-trio soul-jazz mostly written by Blicher (with *In A Little Spanish Town* a Rollinseque exception), is from recordings of the trio's Scandinavian tour of early 2014 and a welcome assurance that not all Nordic jazz players prefer staring into the abyss to the core stuff of blues and the groove. (Mark Gilbert)

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