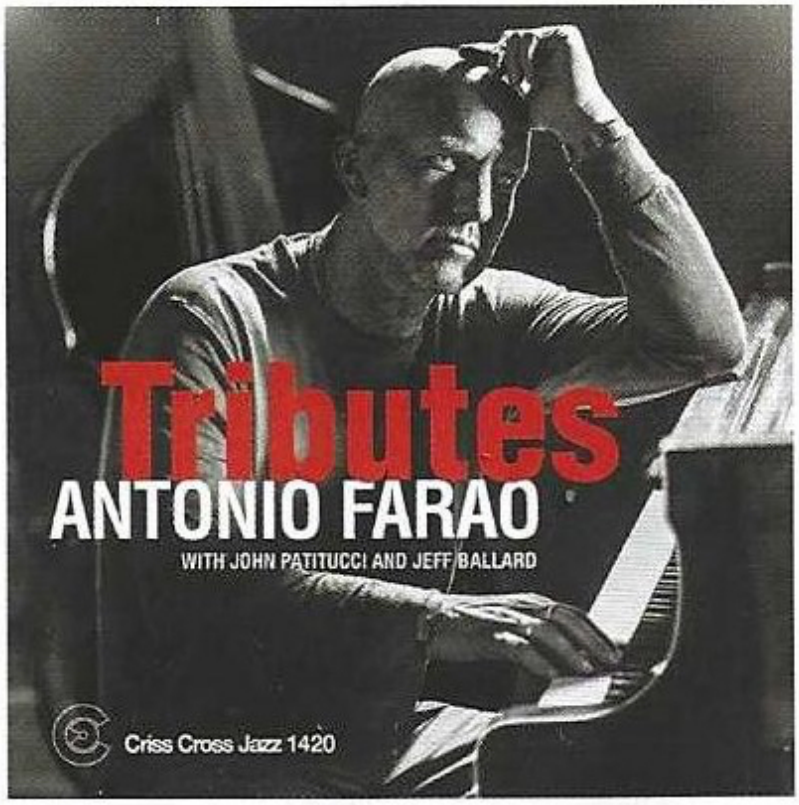

ANTONIO FARAÒ

Tributes

Criss Cross Jazz 1420

Though this was recorded in France, Milan-based pianist Faraò sizzles with a hot US rhythm team, bassist John Patitucci and drummer Jeff Ballard. Known for his interpretations of Italian film music, Faraò is also an admirer and able absorber of modern jazz piano and has in the past recorded with Tain Watts and Jack DeJohnette. His *Tributes* here are eight originals, for heroes including Tyner, Hancock, Jarrett and Kirkland. Rounding out this blistering session are Faraò's takes on Chick Corea's 'Matrix' and, surprisingly, Cole Porter's 'I Love You', but even there the pace hardly slackens. If you love to hear a piano trio in hyperdrive, this is for you. *SH*

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