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Spyro Gyra A Foreign Affair

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Spyro Gyra is a quintessential American jazz band that often gets lumped into the pop-jazz category thanks to two monster radio hits from more than 30 years ago: "Shaker Song" and "Morning Dance." But while those songs helped band members buy houses and gain a worldwide audience, they don't speak to saxophonist Jay Beckenstein and company's insistence of jazz integrity over simple instrumental pop.

Spyro Gyra's latest will satisfy the jazz hordes as well as those who yearn for the early, tropical-inspired fun. *A Foreign Affair* travels the globe, and does it in style. The steel pans make a comeback on "Sweet Ole Thang," returning drummer Bonny B to his Trinidadian roots. "Caribe" is another warm-and-sunny blast from the past,