

The Gazette

Ernesto Cervini Quartet

Here (Independent)

This debut CD showcases the drumming, composing and arranging skills of Toronto's Ernesto Cervini, 24. He gets excellent, at times inspired, contributions from pianist Adrean Farrugia, bassist Jon Maharaj and veteran saxophonist Mike Murley, playing soprano and tenor. The opening cut, called Mestropholis, is an up-tempo sizzler, replete with New York energy and verve. TGV starts as a tone poem and develops into a powerful statement before returning to the core theme. Cervini is well schooled - he obtained his M.A. at the Manhattan School of Music and plays regularly at a variety of New York venues. His solos expand the melody and rhythm, and his passion and tasteful restraint should ensure a bright future. Rating 4 of 5 stars.

--- Irwin Block

Here can be sampled and purchased at www.ernestocervini.com.