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Armstrong has strong release

"No Regret" (Domo) Randy Armstrong

Dover resident Randy Armstrong's first release on Domo Records is a strong reaffirmation of the musical strengths that have made him an important presence in the New Age/World Music category for several years since his days with New Hampshire-based D'OA.

His new record features nine of his own compositions plus he shows his ability to delve into more traditional jazz with Chick Corea's "Crystal Silence" and Miles Davis' "Blue In Green."

Playing all the instruments, Armstrong impresses again with his guitar virtuosity and it's still nice to hear him on the Indian sitar. Keyboards and percussion complete the mix.

Armstrong's own writing takes him all over the musical sphere, feeling equally at home with folkish acoustic picking and the more technically challenging time signatures of jazz. Armstrong and his trio will perform on June 21 at the Music Hall in Portsmouth for the Harbor Arts Jazz Festival and has other dates across the Granite State, check randyarmstrong.com

— Gil Bliss,
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