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## **Press/Interviews**:

"Philadelphia native Sam Taylor is a talented young tenor player now immersed in the New York City jazz community. On this edition of Jazz Next, Taylor talks with GLT's Jon Norton via Skype from his home in New York about absorbing the soulful sounds of his hometown, and about his debut album, My Future Just Passed." -Jon Norton, Jazz Next, WGLT (Listen to the radio interview)

"Patiently and lovingly devotes himself to the song...Nothing but rapt attention to the song, to melody, to the way a great artist can make us feel." - Michael Steinman, Jazz Lives (full album review)

"An old soul...a mature musician who's wise beyond his years. Taylor just dishes it out straight and honest." - Dan Bilawsky, All About Jazz (full album review)

"Taylor is wonderfully elegant, poised and witty...His playing is always magnificent and he gives real character to the melodies he brings to the table imbuing each with a wonderful elegiac quality....a remarkable release."

- Raul da Gamma, Toronto Music Report (full album review)

"Taylor and his trio have put together an album filled with melodies and improvisations of significant musical depth... thoughtful playing, musical maturity and strong group interaction add up to a very satisfying whole."

- Chris Maskell, Ottawa Citizen (full album review)

"A young tenor man who seems headed in the right direction...for those who dig their sounds straight-ahead and tasty."

- Joe Lang, Jersey Jazz (full album review)

"Sam's playing rings in my ears and continues to do so as he sculpts his solos, offering deep candor, heartfelt truths." - Michael Steinman, Jazz Lives (full concert review)

"A traditionalist with a muscular sound...you hear Coleman Hawkins and Ben Webster..." - Dan McClenaghan, All About Jazz (full album review)

"Taylor has a wonderfully warm yet active style and Okamoto is one of the more melodic drummers I've heard in a good while. Their exchanges are especially head-turning." - Dave Rogers, WTJU (full album review)