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**Tigran**

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Armenian-born pianist Tigran Hamasyan is 24 years of age and big in France. This major label solo debut, produced by Nate Wood, presents a rich and diverting variety of meditative mood music that, while it only occasionally refers to the jazz tradition (there's a nice version of "Someday My Prince will Come"), succeeds in making us think about how jazz might sound to Armenian ears. Tigran also sings wordlessly; like Keith Jarrett, only good. **Phil Johnson**