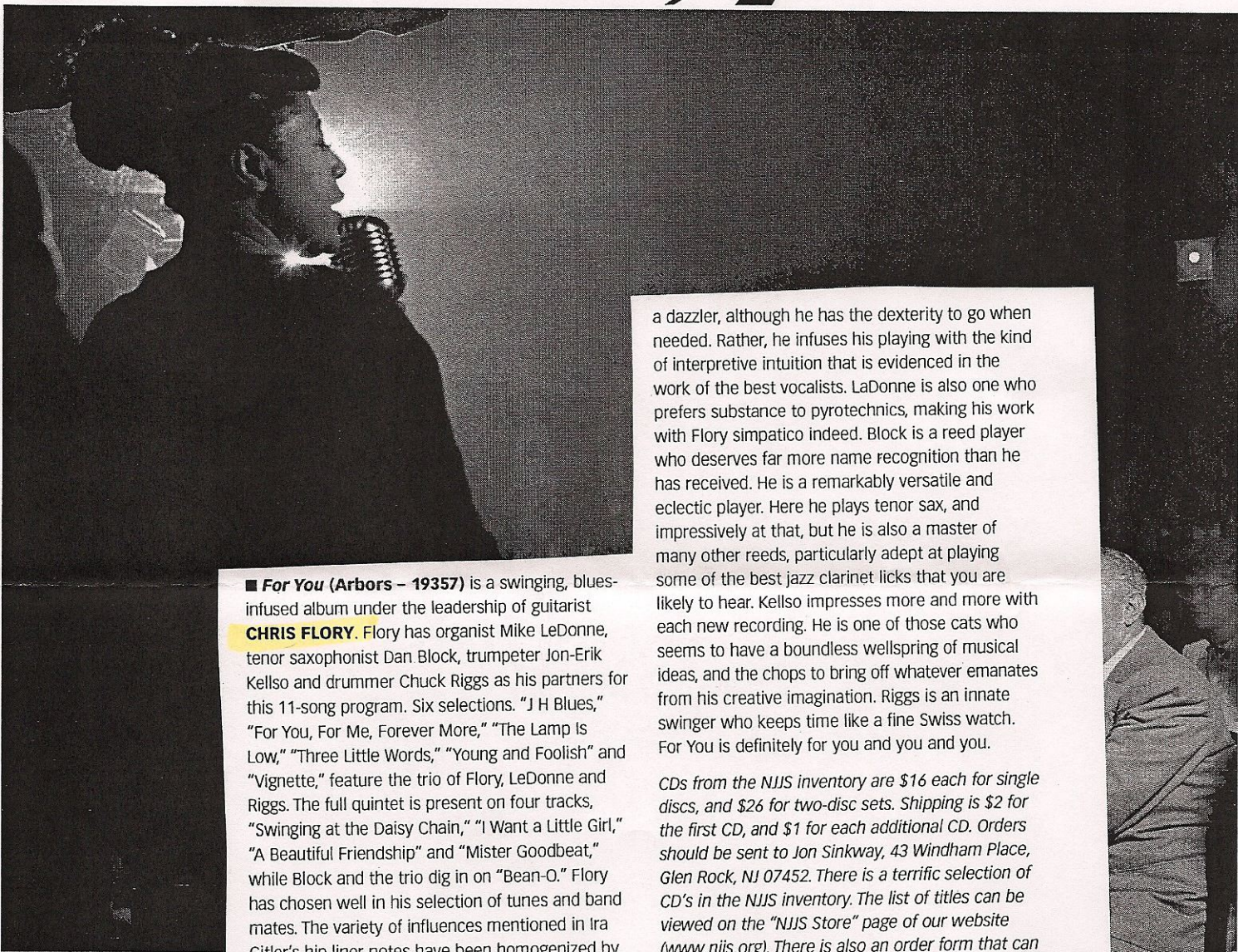


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■ **For You (Arbors – 19357)** is a swinging, blues-infused album under the leadership of guitarist **CHRIS FLORY**. Flory has organist Mike LeDonne, tenor saxophonist Dan Block, trumpeter Jon-Erik Kellso and drummer Chuck Riggs as his partners for this 11-song program. Six selections, “J H Blues,” “For You, For Me, Forever More,” “The Lamp Is Low,” “Three Little Words,” “Young and Foolish” and “Vignette,” feature the trio of Flory, LeDonne and Riggs. The full quintet is present on four tracks, “Swinging at the Daisy Chain,” “I Want a Little Girl,” “A Beautiful Friendship” and “Mister Goodbeat,” while Block and the trio dig in on “Bean-O.” Flory has chosen well in his selection of tunes and band mates. The variety of influences mentioned in Ira Gitler’s hip liner notes have been homogenized by him into a style that is distinctly his own. He is not

a dazzler, although he has the dexterity to go when needed. Rather, he infuses his playing with the kind of interpretive intuition that is evidenced in the work of the best vocalists. LaDonne is also one who prefers substance to pyrotechnics, making his work with Flory simpatico indeed. Block is a reed player who deserves far more name recognition than he has received. He is a remarkably versatile and eclectic player. Here he plays tenor sax, and impressively at that, but he is also a master of many other reeds, particularly adept at playing some of the best jazz clarinet licks that you are likely to hear. Kellso impresses more and more with each new recording. He is one of those cats who seems to have a boundless wellspring of musical ideas, and the chops to bring off whatever emanates from his creative imagination. Riggs is an innate swinger who keeps time like a fine Swiss watch. For You is definitely for you and you and you.

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