



## MATTHEW WHITAKER

### QUOTES

"Matthew Whitaker is music. To see and hear him play is to know that divine talent exists. Beyond his innate musical abilities is a sheer joy and passion to create music. You can expect great things on the horizon from this remarkable and lovable young musician."

• ***Monifa Brown, WBGO***

"His approach to jazz is that of a distinctive soul. He has that necessary dynamic touch and a penchant for dissonance, but most of all, his imagination seems to know no bounds. He's immersed in the energy and spirit of the music he loves and lives to play."

• ***The Miami Times***

"Alternating between the two keyboards, Whitaker summoned the ghosts of Larry Young and Oscar Peterson. ....Whitaker's instrumental trio inspired spontaneous dancing and a standing ovation. As a student of great piano masters, he has quickly identified the buttons that resonate with a crowd looking for a good time.."

• ***The Los Angeles Times***

"Despite his young age, Mr. Whitaker was one of the more sought-after guests; older musicians came up to him to praise his performance and to introduce themselves."

• ***The Wall Street Journal***

"If you could imagine what Ray Charles and Jimmy McGriff looked like at age 13 but played like at age 30, then you will discover Matthew Whitaker."

• ***Wendy Oxenhorn,***

***Executive Director of Jazz Foundation of America***

"Whitaker demonstrated musicality beyond his years, beginning with a slow, soulful introduction, before launching into a rousing spectacle of virtuosity."

• ***The Palm Beach Daily News***