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THAWING OUT w/ GREAT DISCS from SHARP/GIBBS/CARTER, CECIL TAYLOR, "3 TRIOS" from BADEN-BADEN, NEW 'PSI' RELEASES, HANS KOCH, EARTH PEOPLE, MORE AMERICAN CLAVE, TOMATO REISSUES & SUB ROSA TREATS for 2-20-04!!

EARTH PEOPLE - Sky Readers (Undivided Vision Records 003)

Third cosmic offering from local legends the Earth People who have slimmed down to a more focused free/jazz septet featuring Andre Martinez (once a Cecil Taylor collaborator) on drums & exotic percussion, Sabir Mateen & Jason Candler on reeds & guitar, Doug Principato on electric guitar, Mark Hennen on keyboards, Francois Grillot on contrabass and Firehorse on electronics. This was recorded live at the Walker Space in NYC in April of 2003 and Earth People continue to do a fine job of keeping their fine free spirits alive and well. "Magical Flower" is 41+ minutes of blissful, organic waves washing all over our troubled souls. Beginning calmly and then moving into denser currents with spacey wah-wah guitars, layers of spinning clarinet, flute and alto sax and a web of piano, bass and drums. The flow and thread that holds this together is just right as it moves in well connected episodes. Some of this has that 'Agartha' (Miles-like) double guitar frenzy and free/funk/rock groove and that screaming sax (Sabir?) really erupts forth intensely. Everyone gets a chance to shine as different combinations of players weave their wares, ascend and submerge. "It's That Simple" explodes open with some quick paced swinging yet free insanity, as the guitar, saxes. piano and boiling rhythm team. This is certainly some truly magic music for flying in your seats.