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Dane Vannatter

**FLIGHT**

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Trying to explain what "cabaret" music is can be an elusive effort that produces inadequate definitions, but when **Dane Vannatter** sings, his meaning is clear. "Flight," his second CD, captures the swing, charm, and grace that highlight this Boston-based vocalist's live performances. Vannatter employs his sensuous tenor on songs of various genres to make "Flight" a soaring adventure into his interpretation of the cabaret style. With selections that range from standards "You Make Me Feel So Young" and "Day In-Day Out" to the contemporary pop offerings of The Motels' "Suddenly Last Summer" and "Night Ride Home" by Joni Mitchell, Vannatter shows an engaging sincerity. It is further brought out by an uncluttered, tasteful quartet accompaniment of Doug Hammer on piano; Peter Kontrimas, bass; Jim Gwin, drums; and Kenny Wentzel on flugelhorn, trumpet, trombone, and flute. Tonight, Vannatter also performs in and directs "The Songs of Jerry and Dennis Livingston: From Tin Pan Alley to Silicon Valley."

-Dorothy Clark



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