



## **CD Review: Moutin Reunion's 'Something Like Now'**

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**Moutin Reunion** *Something Like Now* Nocturne Jazz

Two French twin brothers assemble a quartet that sounds like a mix of Weather Report and Pat Metheny.

Bassist Francois Moutin and drummer Louis Moutin, who earned advanced degrees in physics and mathematics before turning to jazz more than a decade ago, create a heady stew that is challenging and surprisingly orthodox in its search for improvised magic.

Francois, who has played with musicians Archie Shepp and Randy Brecker, plays his bass with Jaco-like insouciance, while Louis, a veteran of groups with Michel Legrand and John Abercrombie, is an impassioned timekeeper. The twins, who wrote 10 of the 11 tunes here, have a wild time negotiating a Charlie Parker tune, "Bird's Medley," as a duet.

Tenor saxophonist Rick Margitza often takes the lead, blowing cacophonous lines of great intensity, while pianist Pierre de Bethmann keeps grounded a quartet that is highly intellectual and still ardent.

- *Karl Stark,*