

French pianist **CEDRIC HANRIOT**'s new album ***Time Is Color*** (★★★★★ **Morpheus**) is also a barnstormer and has received a glowing endorsement from a man who knows a thing or two about piano playing: Herbie Hancock, who emailed Hanriot to tell him, "The music, material and the approach are ground-breaking." Hanriot, whose trio is augmented by several guest musicians, including the rapper, Days, mashes up elements from jazz, hip-hop, funk, and rock, to create an ineffable but intoxicating sonic brew. All the material is self-written except for a daring medley where a swirling improvisation based on Nirvana's grunge classic *Come As You Are* segues into a delicate interpretation of Massive Attack's trip-hop gem *Teardrop*.