

## JAZZ

# The promise of sax man Jed Levy

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Tenor saxophonist Jed Levy is not quite a household name, not even among jazz fans. But that could change in the near future. Critics have begun regarding him as a budding John Coltrane or Ben Webster, so the time has come to take this 32-year-old New Yorker seriously.

Levy will appear with the Mark Kramer Trio tonight and tomorrow at Ye Olde Temperance House in Newtown, where he was spotlighted a couple of months ago with trumpeter Tom Harrel, generating an enthusiastic response from the audience.

The saxophonist is no newcomer to jazz. He has recorded and toured with many of the top names in the field, but it wasn't until the recent release of his first album as a leader, *Good People* (Reservoir Records), that the attention began building.

"An exciting player whose modern approach is governed by a need to make every note a positive statement," noted *Jazz Journal International*. "This is a developing Coltrane or Ben Webster in the making. This tenor man brings a blossoming eloquence of thinking and feeling."

Time will tell if Levy lives up to expectations, but he certainly appears to be on the right track.

*Jed Levy with the Mark Kramer Trio tonight and Saturday at Ye Olde Temperance House, 5-11 S. State St., Newtown. Sets begin at 9 p.m. Phone: 860-0474.*



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