

CHARLIE PORTER

CIPHER

STREET DATE: September 26, 2025
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"...technical wizardry patiently unfolding." **DOWNBEAT**

With a visionary new concept album, GRAMMY award-winning trumpeter and composer Charlie Porter invites listeners into a bold fusion of music, mystery, and adventure. On Cipher, Porter assembles a dynamic ensemble of forward-thinking jazz artists — Nick Biello (alto sax), George Colligan (piano), Garrett Baxter (bass), and Alan Jones (drums) — to deliver a cinematic listening experience unlike anything in jazz today. Rooted in the spirit of exploration, Cipher embeds nine secret messages and musical ciphers within its eight original compositions, each track acting as a clue in an intricate real-world treasure hunt, with a prize of \$10K! The album draws influence from the language of modern jazz while embracing Porter's lifelong love of puzzles, codes, and storytelling. With high-level improvisation, rhythmic tension, and harmonic depth, Cipher not only speaks — it dares listeners to decode.

"...an incredibly proficient instrumentalist, with a fluid and expressive style that feels like a fresh twist on the hard-bop establishment." - Jazz Society of Oregon.



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TRACKS

1. Departure 8:41
2. 13 Miles* 7:33
3. En Route 6:44
4. Namesake 5:48
5. But Not Forgotten 6:07
6. Eden* 5:48
7. Are You Sure?* 8:08
8. 2 in 1 7:16

*Focus Tracks

All music by Charlie Porter | Porter House Press (ASCAP)

CHARLIE PORTER TRUMPET
NICK BIELLO ALTO SAXOPHONE
GEORGE COLLIGAN PIANO
GARRETT BAXTER BASS
ALAN JONES DRUMS

Focus Tracks:

2. "13 Miles" (7:33) — mysterious, medium swing
6. "Eden" (5:48) — lyrical ballad
7. "Are You Sure?" (8:08) — modern, angular, medium-up

Produced by Charlie Porter
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