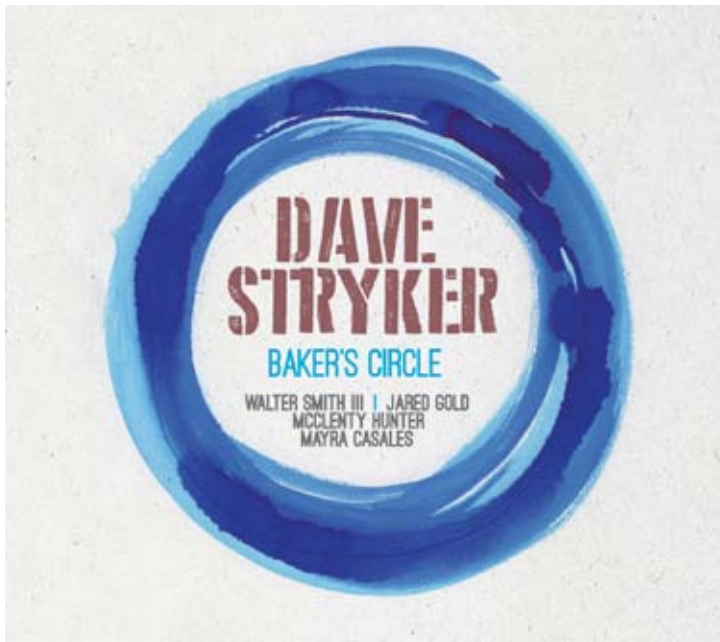


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## Dave Stryker / Baker's Circle



**Artist:** Dave Stryker  
**Title:** *Baker's Circle*  
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### Track listing, track times:

- 1 Tough** – Dave Stryker 7:27
- 2 El Camino** – Dave Stryker 7:39
- 3 Dreamsong** – Dave Stryker 5:24
- 4 Everything I Love** – Cole Porter 6:11
- 5 Rush Hour** – Jared Gold 4:59
- 6 Superstar** – Leon Russell, Bonnie Bramlett, & Delaney Bramlett 3:40
- 7 Baker's Circle** – Dave Stryker 4:18
- 8 Inner City Blues** – Marvin Gaye & James Nyx Jr. 5:45
- 9 Love Dance** – Ivan Lins, Gilson Peranzetta, & Paul Williams 5:19
- 10 Trouble (No. 2)** – Harold Logan & Lloyd Price 6:38

Total Time 57:33

Dave Stryker - guitar  
Walter Smith III - tenor sax  
Jared Gold - organ  
McClenty Hunter - drums  
Mayra Casales - percussion (#2, 7, 8)

Produced and arranged by Dave Stryker  
Executive Producer - Rick Simpson  
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After last year's successful big band outing, *Blue Soul*, guitarist Dave Stryker is back with his hard-driving, deep-grooving B3 organ group on his new recording—*Baker's Circle*. With the addition of cutting-edge tenor player Walter Smith III, *Baker's Circle* features Stryker's originals as well as a couple *Eight Track* gems and a tip of the hat to his former boss Stanley Turrentine. Along with Smith III, this fresh recording features Dave's working band of Jared Gold on organ and McClenty Hunter on drums and adds Cuban percussionist Mayra Casales to three tracks as well.

*Baker's Circle* starts with three Stryker originals. The hard-hitting "Tough" leads off with exciting solos by the whole band. Casales' congas join in on the latin groove of "El Camino" followed by the bluesy 7/4 of "Dreamsong." Cole Porter's "Everything I Love" is a medium swinger after which Gold's burning "Rush Hour" shows why Walter Smith III is considered one of the best of his generation. And Dave adds his *Eight Track* fingerprint to Leon Russell's "Superstar" and Marvin Gaye's "Inner City Blues."

Says Stryker: "Composer and educator David Baker was in my corner from the time I met him at a jazz camp when I was 17 till he hired me to take over as guitar professor at Indiana University a few years ago. I used to see him standing outside the Music School on a circular drive waiting for his wife Lida to pick him up. I named the song 'Baker's Circle' in his memory."

*Baker's Circle* closes with "Trouble (No. 2)," a grooving shuffle originally recorded by Stryker's former boss, the great Stanley Turrentine. This caps a diverse program that showcases Stryker at his best—modern playing with the groove and soul that comes from years of experience.

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