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The 100 Best Songs Of 2017

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66. Mark Giuliana Jazz Quartet "inter-are"

Before he was known as David Bowie's final drummer, before he had even gathered a reputation for next-wave beat science, Mark Guiliana was trained as a jazz musician. The band he helpfully calls his Jazz Quartet is a vehicle for that expression, but hardly a throwback. On "inter-are," the opening track of a smart new album, *Jersey*, groove is tantamount, and melody assumes heroic dimensions. Working with Jason Rigby on tenor saxophone, Fabian Almazan on piano and Chris Morrissey on bass, Guiliana fashions a rolling anthem loosely in the spirit of The Bad Plus, but on his own emphatic terms. —*Nate Chinen (WBGO)*