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MONTY ALEXANDER: UPLIFT. What a perfect name for this swinging set from Jamaica's gift to piano jazz. Alexander is wonderfully versatile, equally at home with potent, straight-ahead jazz and with the infectious rhythms of the Caribbean. This set, culled from three years of live performances, is mostly in the mainstream, played with polish, rhythm and invention, starting with his invitation to "Come Fly With Me." He updates "Sweet Georgia Brown" with a tempo even the Globetrotters couldn't match, and brings a dirge-like poignancy to the classic "Django." This CD is "the full Monty."