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The Impossible Gentlemen: The Impossible Gentlemen – review

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When you're dealing with this level of accomplishment, generations mean nothing. The Impossible Gentlemen are four musicians: pianist Gwilym Simcock (30), guitarist Mike Walker (48), drummer Adam Nussbaum (55) and bassist Steve Swallow (70). Each one is a virtuoso, but that's taken for granted. It's the interplay between them that matters, the way every nuance fits magically into the ever-changing pattern. And it's not all action and energy either; the duet between Simcock and Walker in "Gwil's Song" is the most sensuous sound imaginable. Absorbing.