

MIKE WARREN

“STUBBORN” is drummer Mike Warren’s response to a question about his main drumming characteristics.

“I really want to sound like nobody else”, Mike shared in a recent conversation. “I learned the language by listening to other drummers on recordings, but I intentionally did not know who the drummers were.” By not concentrating on the styles of specific drummers, he was able to “learn the language without painting myself into any corners, stylistically.”

This quality is evident in Warren’s music; there are no obvious direct influences. When mentioning this to Mike, he says “that is the greatest compliment you can give me.”

Mike does backtrack when he talks about his shuffle. “That’s Art Blakey,



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