Mp3 Ben Luis - Serenade The Night



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Ecletic flavors of samba, latin jazz, funk and blues. 10 MP3 Songs WORLD: Samba, LATIN: Latin Jazz Details: About Ben Luis Born in the Philippines and raised state-side, I was introduced to the bass in '62 when I joined the Intruders, an all Filipino band in San Francisco and forerunner of local Asian bands. I was influenced by rhythm blues, top40's, latin, soul and a bit of jazz heard on the radio. In the 70's I was in the cover bands Mundo, Pearl and MaxB. We played at clubs like the Peppermint Tree and Orphan Annie's (San Francisco) and in the south bay circuit and were featured on a TV show hosted by Rev. Cecil Williams. We opened for Cal Tjader (Great American Music Hall), Mango Santa Maria (Dolores Park), Malo, and Bette Midler (Embarcadero Center). I was also a member of Kamikazi, one of the first Asian Jazz Fusion bands in San Francisco along with Makoto, Eddie Marshall, and Eiji Tsuchiya . I've played with the likes of Flip Nunez, Babatunde Lea, Rudy Tenio, Armando Peraza, Art Khu, Ted Strong, Raul Rekow, Eddie Marshall, Jon Jang, and Paul Van Wageningen. The awesome duo, Melecio Magdaluyo and David Yamasaki are featured on several tracks of this recording. I got hyped last year backin up the Temptations when they were in town and I recorded on David Yamasaki's FROM ME TO YOU and Carlos Zialcita's EVOLUTION. These days you can find me playing Hawaiian jazz at Rick's Restaurant (San Francisco) with Ka'ala Carmack (every other weekend) and serving as band director for two Methodist churches in Alameda, fusing hymns and worship songs with modern rhythms with a contemporary feel. I share my soul and express my love for music through my newly released cd, SERENADE THE NIGHT. My original pieces speak of my appreciation for the special time in the evening when the night presents soothing calmness with mystery and passion.

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