

Mp3 David Berger & The Sultans Of Swing - Doin' The Do



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Big band swing for listeners as well as dancers who like a creative approach to the tradition. 13 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Swing/Big Band, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals Details: The Sultans of Swing David Berger, conductor Acclaimed for their superior musicianship and a sound that is both sophisticated and earthy, the Sultans of Swing create a natural bridge from the great bands of the 1930s and 40s to hip 21st century jazz and swing audiences. This 16-piece band includes experienced veterans along with fiery young jazz musicians who have formed a powerful team that addresses the blues and swing with style. Berger's compositions and arrangements have garnered the band a diverse list of performance credits coast to coast, from premier swing venues like The Derby (L.A.), the Crystal Ballroom (Portland, OR), the Century Ballroom (Seattle) and Swing 46, Irving Plaza, the 92nd Street Y, Lincoln Center's Midsummer Night Swing, the World Trade Center and Pier 25 in New York, to jazz festivals like Jazz on the River (Hood River, OR), to The Harlem Nutcracker (10 cities) and Ellington: In a Different Light (Donald Byrd/The Group) and the New York City Ballet. Berger and the Sultans maintain a close relationship with Quincy Jones who has conducted them on the David Letterman Show, with the Los Angeles Philharmonic and with the French National Symphony. The band also plays for corporate and private functions, universities and high schools as well as appearing frequently at the Kaplan Penthouse in Lincoln Center as part of the Meet The Artist programs for both school children and seniors (AARP). The Sultans of Swing Conductor: David Berger Reeds: Jerry Dodgion, Matt Hong, Dan Block, Mark Hynes, Jay Brandford Trumpets: Bob Millikan, Brian Pareschi, Irv Grossman, Mike Rodriguez Trombones: Wayne Goodman, Pat Hallaran, Noah Bless Rhythm: Isaac ben Ayala (piano), Dennis Irwin (bass), Jimmy Madison (drums) Vocalist: Aria Hendricks Jazz composer, arranger and conductor David Berger is recognized internationally as a leading authority on the music of Duke Ellington and the Swing Era. Conductor and arranger for the

Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra from its inception in 1988 through 1994, Berger has transcribed more than 500 full scores of classic recordings including over 350 works by Duke Ellington and Billy Strayhorn. In 1996 Berger collaborated with choreographer Donald Byrd to create the Harlem Nutcracker, a full-length 2-hour dance piece that expands the Tchaikovsky/Ellington/Strayhorn score into an American classic. The 15-piece band assembled to play this show has stayed together and continues to play Mr. Berger's music for listeners and swing dancers all over the United States and Europe. The Sultans of Swing featuring vocalist Aria Hendricks have 2 cd's out and carry on the tradition of the great bands of the 1930's and 40's bringing swinging jazz to a new generation. Berger has written music for television, Broadway shows, including Sophisticated Ladies; films, including The Cotton Club and Brighton Beach Memoirs; dozens of singers, bands, orchestras and dance companies, including the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre. He maintains a close association with Wynton Marsalis through collaborations for Jazz @ Lincoln Center, National Public Radio, Public Broadcasting System and Columbia Records. Berger's expertise in arranging and performing Ellington's music brought him to the attention of Quincy Jones with whom he continues to work on several projects per year. Berger's jazz compositions and arrangements and transcriptions are played by hundreds of bands every day all over the world. A seven-time recipient of National Endowment for the Arts fellowships, Berger resides in New York City where he teaches at the Julliard School. Quotes Quincy Jones: David Berger is the expert on the music of Duke Ellington and the Sultans of Swing play Duke's music better than anyone. Lavay Smith: The Sultans of Swing promise to set new standards of musical excellence and swing in the coming months and years. George Avakian: The best Ellington music since Duke left for another gig. If David's band plays anywhere near you, race - do not drive slowly-to hear them. And if a traffic cop stops you, take him with you. He'll tear up the ticket. From the Dancers: David Berger is the cat's meow. Groovin' every moment of every tune, the Sultans' resurgence into the Swing scene was long awaited and long overdue. Lindy Hoppers beware: Guaranteed to blow up the spot, David Berger and the Sultans of Swing will move you, without mercy, all night long. -Janice Wilson; The Grit Grinders Absolutely fabulous! Swing dance music doesn't get any better than this! - Ben Richmond We've danced to just about all the New York bands, and the Sultans just leave the others in the dust! - Tanya Marks Ross McCallum Wow! I just had to write and tell you what a great evening we had dancing to you last night . This is what swing dance is supposed to be! - Maggie Spencer David Schultz As a music student, I especially enjoyed the great arrangements. They made us

want to stay on the floor all night! - Stan Kurtis It doesn't get any hipper than the Sultans! - Crystal Wood

From Swing Dance Web Chats: "Last week I saw the Sultans of Swing and was blown away! The musicians were incredible, the arrangements were great, and they had a nice mix of tunes, popular and more unusual choices... I think they are the best big band on the scene." "The Sultans seem to have the tightest arrangements in town, as well as some great improvised musical interactions..." "The Sultans of Swing were amazing last night...[they] have a tight, yet pleasantly raw, sound. Their rendition of Black and Tan Fantasy was completely on point last night, and I found myself sitting out some songs for the purpose of watching and listening to them."

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