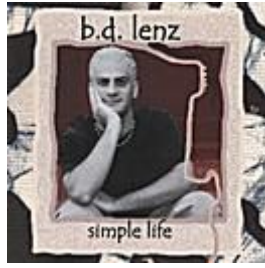


## Mp3 B.d. Lenz - Simple Life



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Guitar driven jazz/funk/fusion at its melodic best. Mike Stern meets Pat Metheny meets Jaco. 10 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Jazz Fusion, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: Simple Life is B.D. Lenz's latest effort. Released in 2003 it represents his 3rd CD to date and his debut on NY jazz label Apria Records. These 10 songs prominently display Lenz's virtuosity both as a guitarist and a composer. His music is highly melodic, highly energetic, and supremely groovin' About B.D. Lenz: Hailed as one of the top 20 "up and coming" jazz musicians of New Jersey by the Newark Star-Ledger, and recently featured in the New York Times, noted guitarist B.D. Lenz leads an original band which has best been described as "a spirited mixture of sounds in the contemporary vein, ranging from the sprightly to the hard-wailing" (Curt Yeske - The Trenton Times). He has previously released two independent CD's of his original contemporary jazz beginning with "Tell The World" in 1997 and the sophomore outing "Lost Found" in 2000. This high-energy ensemble has performed rigorously throughout the Northeast for TV, radio, festivals, clubs, cafe's, bookstores, etc Review: ...[B.D.'s] wide range of music experience pays off on Simple Life, a hodgepodge collection of different beats which is surely to treat any lover of the eclectic. Lenz seems to have a consistent funk beat to his playing, and this, combined with smooth sounds of the sax and calculated rhythms of the bass, lends some fresh air to contemporary jazz. I must say that the first three tracks were a bit repetitious. As the album progresses, however, the band makes up for this by exposing us to this delightful fusion of sounds and styles. I recommend this to anyone who savors contemporary jazz, especially that which is eclectic in nature... [Paul Wright - JazzReview.com]

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