Mp3 Hugh Fraser - Bonehenge!



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BONEHENGE boasts jazz trombone greats Victoria's Ian McDougall, Vancouver's Dennis Esson and Brad Muirhead, New York's Rod Borrie; and Vancouver rhythm section players Ross Taggart piano; Ken Lister Bass; Dave Robbins drums and Jack Duncan on percussion. "LOW HERTZ GOOD!" Hugh Fraser BIO Native Victorian Hugh Fraser has been a positive force to the beautiful world of music for over two decades. He formed the 13 member Vancouver Ensemble of Jazz Improvisation (VEJI) in 1980, then went on to international success with The Hugh Fraser Quintet from 1986. The Quintet tours Europe, North and South America yearly. He was voted 1996, 1998 and 2005's Canadian Trombonist of the Year by Toronto's National Jazz Awards (formerly, Jazz Report Awards). Hugh has recorded over one hundred of his compositions on seventeen albums as a leader. He won two Juno Awards and many nominations for these recordings, and appears on over twenty albums as a sideman including recent releases by Cuban bands Chucho Valds and Irakere on Bembe Records, Perspectiva on Egrem Records, and Kenny Wheeler on ECM Records. Hugh is currently the Head of Jazz Studies at the University of Victoria in British Columbia and holds an honourary Doctorate from McMaster University. Hugh has served as the Program Head of Jazz at the Banff Centre for Fine Arts, Head of Jazz Composition at the Royal Academy of Music in London, England, Head of the University of Ulster Summer Jazz Workshop in Ireland, and is much sought after as a guest clinician by all major progressive institutions. Hugh has performed and/or recorded with such artists as Jaki Byard, Clark Terry, Dizzy Gillespie, Maynard Ferguson, Billy Ekstein, Slide Hampton, Frank Foster, Don Thompson, Shorty Rogers, Kenny Wheeler, Dave Holland, Muhal Richard Abrams, Robin Eubanks, Dave Liebman, Sheila Jordan, Lee Konitz and Jean Toussaint.

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