

Mp3 Bill Holland - Players, Fools & Thieves



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This award-winning "songbook" album features Holland's eclectic styles -- original ballads, jazz tunes, rockers and r&b cookers. The players are old pals as well as the very best of D.C. area talent who often take lead roles. Some of the luminaries are 12 MP3 Songs POP: Piano, JAZZ: Jazz Fusion Details: Bill's album "Players, Fools & Thieves" is the well-received and award-winning 1994 "songbook" collection of his pop, r&b and jazz tunes. On the album, he shares the spotlight with D.C. music scene friends who offer up their versions of some of Bill's recent songs. Some of the artists on the album are already well known nationally, like Milestone Records tenor sax player Ron Holloway and Vanguard Records singer-songwriter John Jennings (best known as Mary Chapin Carpenter's producer and guitarist). Other local heroes: folk-rocker songwriter Bill Baker, first-call tenor sax favorite Bruce Swaim, and soul 'n blues singer/bandleader Tommy Lepson and r&b diva Mary Ann Redmond. Why the unorthodox mix of pop, r&b and jazz? And the mosaic approach of Bill singing some tunes and guest artists doing others? "Well, I wanted to offer listeners something a little distinctive," Bill says. "Not all the same style. It's a different approach--it hasn't been done that much. But I've always written that way. "The feedback has been great--people tell me they really enjoy the idea of mixing styles of music and featuring guest vocalists or guest instrumentalists, he says. "They say listening to it is almost like listening to a set on a progressive, free-form radio station. " Selected reviews and awards: "Great songs! Great band! I have all of Bill's albums." -- Bonnie Raitt. *1995 Washington Area Music Award; nominated for six awards.*Top Indie Album Spotlight -- Performing Songwriter Magazine. * "Players, Fools Thieves is unusually colorful and diverse. Bill Holland's stock continues to rise." --The Washington Post. *"An appealingly recorded multicourse meal."-- Washington City Paper. *"A sizzlingly diverse smorgasbord of pop, jazz and r&b."--The Journal Newspapers. *"The whole fine collection is like a soundtrack for the story of your

life."--Scene Magazine. ***

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