

Mp3 Island Jazz Quintet - Youkali



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A Quintet made up of Piano, Bass, Drums, Trumpet, and Voice performs original, standards, and lesser known tunes with their own styling and arrangements: Be bop, funk, cool, bossa, tight. 10 MP3 Songs

JAZZ: Jazz Vocals, JAZZ: Latin Jazz Details: "That Island Jazz Quintet CD is a knockout! All of it!" -Rich Tozier, Maine Public Broadcasting , August 2003 "Vashon Island boasts a group worthy of national attention. This quintet would be right at home in a New York cabaret." -Victory Review, June 2002

Whether digging up an obscure Kurt Weill relic, debuting a new tune (about half their material is original), or delivering a new take on a favorite Bossa Nova, IJQ is making waves in the Pacific Northwest with a captivating live show and a sound that breathes new life into the jazz genre. In these guys you have a fine instrumental quartet...They can swing with the best and seem especially influenced by the California cool sound of Chet Baker. Their rendition of the classic number "Bernies Tune" is a knockout. But thats not all. They have a dynamite vocalist as well. Maggie Laird is a real find. Her take on "One For My Baby" is near perfect...Victory Review, June 2002. Since inception in 1999, the band has recorded two critically acclaimed CDs, the latest release, Youkali, now receiving regular radio airplay on stations all over the country. Of the title track, Jerome Wilson of Cadence Magazine writes, "Youkali" is a French-Arabian tango sung and played with sensual zest, with Laird showing a good command of French and Person really smearing his trumpet... Their 3rd album " Who Knows" is complete,and IJQ continues to evolve its own sound that mixes improvisational jazz with clean arrangements and clever composition. The music is original and seductive, fraught with color, tension and drive. This group is obviously growing fast and their future progress should be interesting. -Jerome Wilson, Cadence Magazine, June 2003

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