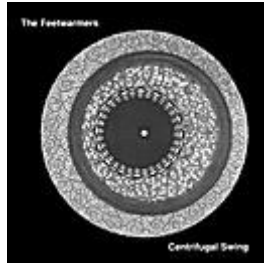


Mp3 The Footwarmers - Centrifugal Swing



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Classic swing, jump blues, early rhythm 'n' blues and original compositions by a great New York City band. Vocal and instrumentals from the pens of Ellington, Bechet, Lunceford, Louis Jordan, Wynonie Harris and Footwarmers' leader Bill McClelland. 14 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Swing/Big Band, BLUES: Rhythm Blues Details: For over a decade The Footwarmers has been thrilling audiences as a fixture on the East Coast music scene. Specializes in early jazz, swing, rhythm 'n' blues, and original works, the New York City-based 9-piece band features a line-up of stellar musicians including Stan Harrison on alto and soprano sax, Steve Elson on tenor sax and clarinet, Peter Zummo on trombone, John Benthall on guitar and banjo, Dennis Masuzzo on bass, Bill Ruyle on drums, Jean Morrison on vocals, and Bill McClelland, piano, vocals and arrangements. A special feature of the band is the re-creation for small ensemble of many outstanding horn charts from the twenties through the fifties. Described by The New York Times as playing with "an easy, swinging vitality," The Footwarmers bring a driving energy and genuine excitement to this classic American popular music. The band's new CD, Centrifugal Swing, is a compilation of their best recordings from recent years. Included are standards and rarities from their huge book of great material, all performed with The Footwarmers' trademark virtuosity and spirit. Included are Duke Ellington's powerhouse "Old Man Blues," Fats Waller's classic "Lounging at the Waldorf," the r'n'b knockout Quiet Whiskey, McClelland's own beautiful ballad "Later Than Now," and 10 other gems. The Footwarmers wide repertoire of more than 200 songs classics tunes by many jazz and r 'n' b greats including Ellington, Waller, Sidney Bechet, Jimmie Lunceford, Louis Jordan, Billy Strayhorn, Isham Jones, James P. Johnson, Don Redman, Big Joe Turner, Wynonie Harris, as well as songwriters including Cole Porter, George Gershwin and Irving Berlin and many originals from the pen of founder and leader McClelland. The Footwarmers have performed at clubs, festivals and concerts throughout the country

including downtown Manhattan's new "River to River Festival," many appearances at the Bottom Line, Swing 46, Tramps, TV and radio including NBC, Cinemax and WNYC-FM, numerous colleges including Columbia and Princeton University, the NY Swing Dance Society, Rockefeller Center, Grand Central Partnership, the South Street Seaport, World Trade Center, Windows on the World, the Bessie Dance Awards, Lower Manhattan Cultural Council, Dance USA, Staten Island's Snug Harbor Cultural Center, the University Settlement and many, many others. Individually, band members have played with an amazing variety of great musicians and groups including Joe Williams, Stevie Ray Vaughn, Radiohead, Chico Hamilton, Joe Jackson, Herbie Hancock, Linda Ronstadt, Frank Foster, David Bowie, Regina Belle, David Sanborn, Charles Earland, the Borneo Horns, Boz Scaggs, Conjunto Classico and John Hicks. Raves for The Footwarmers have continued to pour in for years from happy dancers, listeners and presenters. Here's just a small sampling: "'Swing Into Summer' is over; however your terrific music is still ringing in our ears. We deeply appreciate the excitement you brought to the Esplanade." - New York City's Battery Park Authority "To see the audience spontaneously kick off their heels and dance was definite proof of your concert's success." - Snug Harbor Cultural Center "We, and everyone else, loved your music - you certainly kept everyone up and dancing! It was wonderful!!" - Jean Holmstedt "Thank you for doing an absolutely fabulous job last night. It was the best music at any party we've attended and the guests all agreed." - Lois Rosenfeld "Your band made the day a great success. You guys really have a fantastic sound . . . all we can say is WOW!!!" - Andrew and Judy Lenart "The Footwarmers were terrific - the music was perfect!" - Colleen O'Mara

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