

Mp3 David Leonhardt - Plays Gershwin



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Gershwin with a jazz quintet playing modern interpretations with high levels of improvisation featuring sultry vocals, lyrical piano, and a smoky sax. 12 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals Details: DAVID LEONHARDT Biography David Leonhardt, jazz pianist and composer, is a highly skilled and versatile artist. His thirty years of professional experience has included recordings, T.V. and radio, concerts and festivals, night clubs and stage shows. He has appeared internationally throughout North and South America, Europe, the Middle and Far East with some of the biggest names in jazz. He leads his own concert ensemble The David Leonhardt Jazz Group and is the founder and president of Big Bang Records with eight CDs as a leader. Performing and studying as a teenager in Louisville, Kentucky with noted educator Jamey Aebersold, Mr. Leonhardt acquired his skills backing such diverse jazz talents as Buddy DeFranco, Dave Liebman, and Buddy Tate. After moving to New York City in his twenties Mr. Leonhardt established himself as an international performing artist when he toured for four years as pianist for jazz legend Jon Hendricks, accompanying vocalists such as Diane Reeves and Bobby McFarren. Joining The David "Fathead" Newman Quintet he furthered his reputation as a burning jazz pianist and made his name familiar on the New York jazz scene. He went on to form his own band performing in the U.S., Japan, and Europe. In 1993 he founded Big Bang Records and released his first CD "Departure" to great critical acclaim as well as his popular CD "Reflections". Mr. Leonhardt has produced, arranged, and performed on numerous recordings with jazz stars Stan Getz, Slide Hampton, Jon Hendricks, Eddie Henderson, Robin Eubanks, Ray Drummond, and Lewis Nash. His compositions have been recorded by such jazz greats as Stanley Turrentine, David "Fathead" Newman, Hank Crawford, and Claudio Roditi. He has written arrangements for The Art Blakey Big Band and been guest conductor and arranger for The Benny Carter Orchestra. At present Mr. Leonhardt is leading his own band with

successful appearances at the International Arts Festival of Shenzhen in China, the Winnipeg Jazz Festival, The French Maison de Dance in Lyon, as well festivals and concerts throughout the United States. His all star group has been heard at The Apollo Theater, The Blue Note, Birdland, and Sweet Basil . He is a well known educator, gives clinics world wide, and has written for the magazine "Piano Today". Recently Mr. Leonhardt arranged and recorded the #1 jazz CD "Under a Woodstock Moon" with saxophonist David Newman, and released the CDs "I'll Be Home For Christmas" and "Jazz For Kids". Mr. Leonhardt is on the roster of The Pennsylvania Arts On Tour and gives educational clinics worldwide.

WHAT THE CRITICS SAY "David Leonhardt, an intense and swinging artist alert to every mood." Leonard Feather, Los Angeles Times "The David Leonhardt Trio provided first rate jazz." Burt Supree, Village Voice "The superb David Leonhardt Trio...." Bob Harrington, New York Post "Mr. Leonhardt on piano is also musical director. The troupe is fortunate to have him." Jack Anderson, New York Times "...David Leonhardt, who played with ease, respect, and good cheer." Phillip Elwood, San Francisco Chronicle "Leonhardt explored the piece in a solo that showed his understanding of space as well as notes." Stuart Troup, New York Newsday "...a stellar rhythm section , featuring David Leonhardt on piano." Variety "Backed by the superb David Leonhardt Trio, with expert and sensitive piano work by Leonhardt." Back Stage "... a fiery solo by pianist David Leonhardt." Royal Stokes, Washington Post "Leonhardt is doing just fine in the jazz world." Gene Williams, Louisville Courier Journal "David Leonhardt is a very swinging articulate pianist" Porland Jazz Notes "Mr. Leonhardt's Group gives refreshing insight to the music of Georger Gershwin" Jazz News "Leonhardt's Jazz Group is Magnificent" Jazz Hot David Leonhardt Selected Discography As a Leader: "A Time For Love", Big Bang Records BBR9564 with Nancy Reed. "Reflections", Big Bang Records BBR9562 with Lewis Nash and Peter Washington. "Departure", Big Bang Records BBR9561 with Eddie Henderson, Robin Eubanks, Rich Perry, Lonnie Plaxico, Ray Drummond, and Marvin "Smitty" Smith. With David "Fathead" Newman: "Under A Woodstock Moon", Kokopelli Records ?????? arrangements and compositions by David Leonhardt with David Newman, Wynard Harper, Bryan Carrot, and Steve Novasel. "Mr. Gentle Mr. Cool", Kokopelli Records ?????? with David Newman, Ron Carter, Lewis Nash and Peter Washington. With Herbie Mann: "Celebration", Lightyear 54185-2 with Herbie Mann, Ron Carter, Wynard Harper, David Newman With Michele Hendricks: "Carryin' On", Muse MCD 5336 produced by David Leonhardt with Michele Hendricks, Stan Getz, Ray Drummond, and Marvin "Smitty" Smith. "Keepin' Me Satisfied", Muse

MCD 5363 produced and arranged by David Leonhardt with Michele Hendricks, David Newman, Slide Hampton, Claudio Roditti, Ray Drummond, and Marvin "Smitty" Smith,. "Me and My Shadow" Muse MCD 5421 produced and arranged by David Leonhardt with Michele Hendricks, Jon Hendricks, James Williams, Ray Drummond, and Marvin "Smitty" Smith. The David Leonhardt composition "Slippin' Down" recorded by David "Fathead" Newman with Stanley Turrentine and Hank Crawford on the CD "Fire", Atlantic 81965-4. David Leonhardt composed the soundtrack for the award winning film "Ain't No King Comin'", which won the 1987 NYU best film award and the 1987 Mobil best film award.

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