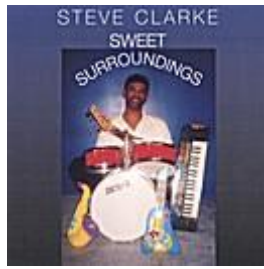


Mp3 Steve Clarke - Sweet Surroundings



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New energetic beautiful funk/jazz tunes that will get you to Bop your head or Hop to the dance floor. Most feature him playing the bass on top as well as the Bottom. 10 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Jazz Fusion, URBAN/R&B: Funk Details: Internationally known bassist, composer and music educator Steve Clarke mixes jazz and funk grooves and adds some tunes in complex time signatures on his new recording entitled "SWEET SURROUNDINGS." Clarke has composed all of the compositions and performs on electric bass and keyboards as well as the drum programs. He has worked with many critically acclaimed musicians including the two-time Grammy nominated jazz flautist Sherry Winston, Czech trumpet player Laco Deczi with whom he has toured Europe and recorded four CDs, and pianist and composer Walter Duda. Steve has also toured with such R&B innovators as the Coasters, The Drifters, Mary Wells, Sam and Dave, and Ben E. King. On "SWEET SURROUNDINGS", Steve continues to expand his musical visions in 10 groove-driven, funky, jazzy flavored compositions. The album is stylistically eclectic, with tunes ranging from the funky title track "Sweet Surroundings" to the rhythmic cooker "Perpetual Tickling" to the melodic and soulful ballad "Time For Love". SWEET SURROUNDINGS offers Clarke's fans more than a snapshot of his bass playing. The CD is an inspired documentation of his experimentation with tone, form and electronics and one that supports his energetic musical personality. Ken Gioffre and Jonathan DuBose make return engagements on saxophone and guitars respectively and both lend their evident talents to Clarke's funky rhythmic bass playing, interwoven keyboards, and infectious drum rhythms. All revel in the interplay of the richly harmonic instrumentals and put their collective stamp on a delightful program of original material. SWEET SURROUNDINGS opens with "Happy Skunk" a kicking, funky five-minute ride that segues into the groove laden "Let's Groove." Clarke takes the gloves off and gives his listeners an inspired funkified performance that is one of the strongest rhythmic tunes on the

CD. He changes the tempo and time signature on the beautiful "Eccentric Dancer" a funky 10/4 that illustrates his compositional integrity and ability to tell a musical story and displays his bass as a melodic, powerful instrument. Gioffre plays a sultry tenor sax solo bringing the listener to a truly transcendent experience. "Frown" takes on the tradition of Clarke's R&B roots and asks you to leave any preconceptions at the door, while "Another Place In Time" moves freely in 7/4 giving Clarke a challenging musical avenue to explore in an attempt to arrive at a style he can call his own. "Everyday Life" is an upbeat tune that serves as a backdrop for a canvas of improvisational bass impulses with a memorable guitar solo by DuBose. SWEET SURROUNDINGS is Steve Clarke's best work to date, offering a compelling listen to the next chapter of his musical journeys. In addition to his career as a professional bassist, Steve Clarke continues to lend his expertise as Adjunct Professor and Bass Instructor at Fairfield University in Fairfield, CT. He is presently touring with Sherry Winston, the two- time Grammy nominated flautist. For more information or interviews, contact Steve Clarke 203 366-6382 or E-mail at qupsclarke@aol.com. hopnboprecords.com.

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