

Mp3 Mike Strickland - Private Concert



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Piano favorites from pop, jazz and blues. With one original piece as well. It's happy, fun, playful, atmospheric, relaxing, sophisticated, elegant, and joyful. 12 MP3 Songs POP: Piano, JAZZ: Traditional Jazz Combo Details: While touring the country this past summer, there was a group of songs that were very popular at our performances. These pieces have been recorded on a new CD just released called 'Private Concert'. It's happy, fun, playful, atmospheric, relaxing, sophisticated, elegant, and joyful! The songs include St. Louis Blues, Classical Gas, Somewhere in Time, Little Rock Getaway, Canon in D, Theme from 'The Piano', Back Home in Indiana, Stardust, America, The Beautiful, and Ode To Joy. This is easily my most ambitious solo piano recording to date. Check it out! A Brief Biography of Mike Strickland Pianist and composer Mike Strickland presents a hybrid of jazz and popular music. Born and raised in Jackson Mississippi, he grew up listening to Henry Mancini, Vince Guaraldi, the Beatles and Burt Bacharach. His performance career started at the age of 9 when his father would encourage him to entertain dinner guests (Alley Cat and Baby Elephant Walk were the big hits back then). Mike discovered his love for the Great American Songbook (Gershwin, Cole Porter, Irving Berlin and Duke Ellington) while singing in musicals and school choirs. After turning eighteen, he began to frequent the clubs and listened to great local blues talents including native Mississippian B.B. King. Formal music studies at Berklee College of Music in Boston and California State University at Northridge continued to expand his musical talents. It was during this time Mike started composing and arranging his own original music. Mike developed his unique performance style playing in ski resorts, where his eclectic sets might include Beatles tunes, romantic Film themes, and piano-busting boogie-woogie numbers. Residing in Seattle, Washington since 1981, Mike has built a solid career as a performer, composer and recording artist. In 1987, he formed Mike Strickland Productions, Inc. and recorded Floating, his first album of original music.

This upbeat, creative album attracted the attention of CBS Sports PGA Golf producer, Frank Chirkinian, and Mike continued to write music for CBS Sports PGA Golf telecasts for the next 7 years. In the last 20 years, Mike has performed extensively all over the United States as a solo artist and with various groups. To date, he has recorded 17 albums, including the most recent 2004 recording, Touch the Sky. He has sold over 250,000 CDs in the USA alone. His recordings have aired nationally on radio and television programs and his music is broadcast through Muzak and DMX Music via satellite to 40,000 businesses internationally. His work has been distributed commercially throughout the USA, including gift and specialty store markets such as DisneyWorld gift properties, Hallmark stores and The Sharper Image.

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