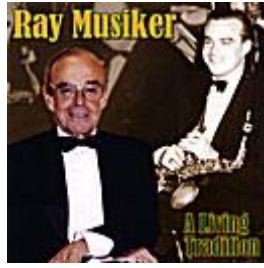


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extraordinary skill and artistry of this veteran performer, who reached his eightieth birthday in 2006. He easily holds his own with the younger musicians on this recording; the empathy and unity achieved here are nothing short of miraculous! We are therefore honored to present this superb product for the edification and enjoyment of our listening public. Peter Sokolow Pianist, Arranger, Musical Director
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