

Mp3 Lasse Lindgren - In The Mood For Standards

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Standard jazz in a new way. High power big band, wild and beautiful. Electric urban energy with a Nordic flavor. 11 MP3 Songs JAZZ: Modern Big Band, JAZZ: Jazz quartet Details: A TRIAL OF STRENGTH - AN ESSENTIAL CD CHOICE Trumpeter Lasse Lindgren, who can present a list as long as your arm of international artists from different musical spheres with whom he has collaborated, is active on his home ground in Sweden with three different bands. These consist of a Quartet Constellation, a (7-piece) Hip Bop Constellation and a Big Constellation, which is a slightly scaled-down big band. In the case of each group they are hand-picked elite musicians who he has gathered in the studio for interpretations of the standard repertoire. The three constellations have been given the task of sharing the CD's eleven compositions almost equally. Without hesitation it can be stated that the results are impressive in every respect, a presentation of the highest calibre in regard to the ensemble playing as well as the creative capacity of the soloists. This applies even to the arranging, some of which come from the pen of the leader himself and the remainder from people such as Daniel Nølgrd, Mikael Rberg, Johan Pyykko and Leif Haldn - in other words ambitious writers of the top rank. It is fresh, daring, beautiful and humourous, well written and excellently played. Practically everyone has solo space and and throughout Lasse Lindgren shines brilliantly. His trumpet playing is imaginative, dynamic and burning. Among his qualities is a command of the instrument's high register, which the late Maynard Ferguson (to whose memory the CD is dedicated) would have applauded. In contrast, Lindgren's affinity for lyric reflection comes to the fore in a fluegelhorn rendition of the ballad "Nature Boy", which is an artistic trial of strength and in itself a reason for making this CD an essential choice, not only for trumpet players but for anyone interested in experiencing tradition interpreted in the music of today. A musical exclamation mark! NWT Johnny Olsson

LASSE LINDGREN, born 1962 in Gothenburg, Sweden. Studied at the music departments of Ljungskile High School 1980-81 and Ingesund High School 1981-83, followed by the Royal College of Music, Stockholm 1984-86. During his years of study in Stockholm, Lasse soon became highly regarded as lead trumpeter and jazz soloist among big bands, jazz groups, TV shows, studios and touring bands. His exceptional command of the high register, his brilliant sound, coupled with his capacity to lead a trumpet

section, make him one of Europe's absolute top musicians in this very demanding role. His personal solo playing and compositions are characterized by humour, imagination and energy. Lasse's deeply emotional and well-developed sense of lyricism, in combination with the warm tone of his flugelhorn makes him a sensitive interpreter of ballads. Listen for instance to his beautiful composition "To My Friends". In contrast, he creates bright, scintillating colours by the use of his electric trumpet coupled to the beat of contemporary grooves. Lasse's great talent for utilizing mutes is particularly effective for instance when the music of Duke Ellington is portrayed. His ability to combine the roles of lead trumpeter and jazz soloist of the highest class is unique and has led to a reputation which has gained him international respect. During the 1980's Lasse was active as a freelance lead-trumpet and soloist and in this capacity he held a resident post with the Sandviken Big Band 1989-1997. At the same time he worked with the Bohuslan Big Band 1991-97 and with the Danish Radio Jazz Orchestra 1997-2000. From then on he has worked as a freelance soloist, teacher and leader for LL BIG CONSTELLATION, LL HIP BOP CONSTELLATION and LL QUARTET CONSTELLATION. Lasse Lindgren has played with: Brass Brothers, Danish Radio Jazz Orchestra, Jazz Baltica Ensemble, Arne Domnerus Oktett, Gugge Hedrenius Big Blues Band, Jan Levander's Oktett, Jukka Linkola Tentett, NDR Big Band, Swedish Radio Jazz Group, Mikael Raberg's Big Band, Sandviken Big Band, Stockholm Jazz Orchestra, Swedish Jazz Composers Orchestra, Bengt-Arne Wallin's Big Band, Rolf Wikstrom's Hjartslag, UMO Jazzorkestra, Gavle Symphony Orchestra, Ray Anderson, Django Bates, Bob Brookmeyer*, Deborah Brown, Ray Charles, George Gruntz, Joe Henderson, Chuck Israels, Rob McConnell, Jim McNeely, Vince Mendoza, Palle Mikkelborg, Bob Mintzer, Jerome Richardson, The Real Thing, David Sandborn, Lew Soloff, Maria Schneider, Clark Terry, McCoy Tyner, Kenny Wheeler, Phil Woods, Putte Wickman, Nils Landgren, Nils-Henning Orsted Pederson among many others. Searches:downloads+lasse lindgren

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