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Smart beautiful original piano compositions with wit and humor, paired with a who's who of New Orlean's greatest living performers and two magically resurrected from the spirit world. 21 MP3 Songs in this album (67:03)! Related styles: JAZZ: New Orleans Jazz, JAZZ: Jazz Vocals People who are interested in Louis Armstrong Jelly Roll Morton Fats Waller should consider this download. Details: Despite what you may have heard, New Orleans in 2009 still brims with musicians. Not many are getting rich, and a large number have endured great hardship post-Katrina, but the pool of talent remains deep. And its a scene constantly restocked by up-and-coming local talent and people immigrating to get some New Orleans flavor in their diet. New Orleans Duets features 21 of the citys denizens, from pretty well-known to rather obscure (Satchmo and Jelly Roll no longer live here, and are thrown in the mix for my amusement). Ive worked on this album off-and-on since 2003, and looking at it now, I am surprised by how jokey much of it is. I will defend my lack of gravitas by pointing out that humor has always been a big part of New Orleans music: Jelly Rolls hokum, Satchmos mugging, Louis Primas antics, the Boswell Sisters verbal and musical lunacy, Huey Piano Smiths nonsense lyrics, and so on. And besides, post-K New Orleans can use more laughs. If this mix of humor and music works at all, I have to thank my collaborators. I am blessed that many of the talents here are good friends; others here are just acquaintances and one-time conspirators whom I thought would work in this format. Given the right conditions I could easily put out two more volumes, and I apologize now to friends whom I vetted but whose duets didnt work out. With the exception of Some Satchmo Sampling, these are strict duets, with no third person involved in creating live sounds. Thanks for listening. -Tom McDermott, New Orleans 2009

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