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JAZZ ARTIST DAVID MORGENROTH RELEASES NEW RECORDING

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Accomplished Missoula jazz artist David Morgenroth releases a new recording this week. Entitled “Alone with Duke,” the recording features the music of Duke Ellington.

“Alone with Duke” was recorded in Los Angeles, CA in August of 2009, and was produced by Eskie Records. The CD is Morgenroth’s first solo piano recording.

The CD contains 13 tunes including the Ellington standards “Mood Indigo”, “It Don’t Mean a Thing (If It Ain’t Got That Swing)”, “Prelude to a Kiss”, and “In a Sentimental Mood”. It also features several lesser-known Ellington compositions, such as “Melancholia”, “Single Petal of a Rose” and “Jump for Joy”.

2006 NEA Jazz Master Buddy De Franco said of Morgenroth’s recording, “His latest CD is one of the most listenable and interesting CD’s I’ve come across in the last several years. David’s technique and sense of rhythm are impeccable. It’s a real joy to hear!”

“Alone with Duke” was first released in Japan in November 2009 under the SSJ label. Morgenroth spent nearly four weeks in November and December 2009, touring the major cities of Japan promoting “Alone with Duke.” Eden Atwood joined Morgenroth on the tour as they also promoted the Japanese release of their joint album “Turn Me Loose”. They traveled to jazz venues in thirteen metropolitan centers including Tokyo, Yokohama, Fuji, Kyoto, Osaka, Okayama, Nagoya, Toyota, and Kofu.

Masayuki Okazaki, of Japan’s most prestigious jazz magazine, *Swing Journal*, gave the recording 4½ out of five stars, writing, “Morgenroth successfully draws out the sonorous beauty of Ellington’s music in style. He coolly captures a piece and presents it to us with his characteristic intellectual flavors. Morgenroth blends elegance with a casual feel...”

About the Ellington recording, Morgenroth comments, “It has been a wonderful and fulfilling experience to record the inimitable music of Duke Ellington. His music has been in my life for many years and it is an honor and pleasure to present a small sampling of the work of this musical genius.”

“Alone with Duke” is available in online at <http://www.davidmorgenroth.com>.

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