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JAZZ ARTIST DAVID MORGENROTH TO RELEASE NEW RECORDING

MISSOULA, MONTANA—

Accomplished Missoula jazz artist David Morgenroth releases a new recording this week in Japan. Entitled “Alone with Duke,” the recording features the music of Duke Ellington. The recording appears in Japan under the SSJ label.

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

Japan’s premier jazz magazine, *Swing Journal*, has given “Alone with Duke” 4½ stars (out of 5) in its December, 2009 issue.

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”.

The great New York jazz pianist Fred Hersch says of the recording, "David Morgenroth shows his imaginative arranging sense and some first-rate piano playing on this loving tribute to The Duke.”

Morgenroth will spend nearly four weeks in November and December, 2009, touring the major cities of Japan promoting “Alone with Duke.” Eden Atwood will join Morgenroth on the tour as they also promote the Japanese release of their joint album “Turn Me Loose”, which received five stars from critic Yozo Iwanami of Japan’s *Swing Journal*. They will travel to jazz venues in thirteen metropolitan centers including Tokyo, Yokohama, Fuji, Kyoto, Osaka, Okayama, Nagoya, Toyota, and Kita-Kyushu. The two Montana artists will perform with Japanese jazz musicians in various clubs throughout the tour, sign albums in record stores and perform for the Sinatra Society of Japan.

“Alone with Duke” is scheduled for release in the United States in February, 2010. 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.”

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