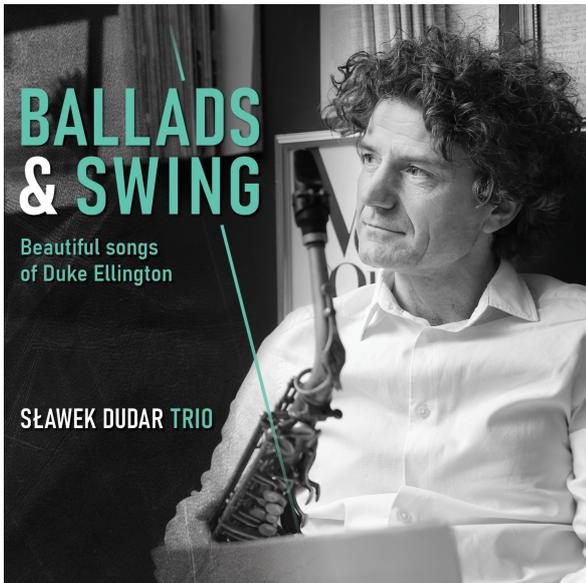


BALLADS & SWING

Beautiful songs of Duke Ellington



SLAWEK DUDAR TRIO

Slawek Dudar- alt saxophone

Johannes Göller - double bass

Ali Broumand - drums

1. When I Fall in Love - Victor Young 6:47
2. Take the A Train - Billy Strayhorn 5:48
3. Satin Doll - Duke Ellington 8:00.
4. In a Mellow Tone - Duke Ellington 8:09.
5. Don't get Around Much More - Duke Ellington 7:36
6. Sophisticated Lady - Duke Ellington 5:55.
7. Mood Indigo - Duke Ellington & Barney Bigard 5:37
8. Misty- Erroll Garner 7:32

Recorded on 28.09.2024 at SD STUDIO - Germany

mix and mastering - www.ap-studio.eu

cover photo- Andreas Rau www.raulinse.de

cover design - Anna Wlazłowska

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My Dear,

it is my great pleasure to introduce to you the musical material from my next CD entitled: **BALLADS & SWING - Beautiful songs of Duke Ellington**, recorded on 28.09.2024 at SD STUDIO with : **Johannes Göller** on bass and **Ali Broumand** on drums.

I've attached information about the album below.

The album **BALLADS & SWING - Beautiful songs of Duke Ellington** - offers a fresh look at the work of the legendary jazz composer, with the complete absence of a harmonic instrument such as piano or guitar. Such a lineup creates a space in which Ellington's music reveals its new, raw face, showing the essence of his melody and rhythm in a different, minimalist way.

The absence of a harmonic instrument introduces a unique atmosphere, emphasizing the rhythmic and melodic layers of the pieces. The double bass, playing both bass and solo parts, acts as the musical backbone, providing harmonic support and rhythmic basis. The saxophone, as the main melodic instrument, explores a wide sonic spectrum - from delicate, lyrical phrases to intense, expressive solos. Percussion adds energy and dynamics, while subtly interacting with the other instruments to create a sophisticated rhythmic background.

Such an unusual composition allows the listener to focus on the essence of melody and rhythm, discovering nuances that could be lost in the rich harmony of traditional arrangements.

The band strives to make very clear references to the original style, while maintaining a distinctive swing vibe. The songs are played in a simple and pleasant way, so as not to change the character of each song in any way while giving the tracks a fresh sound.

The album **BALLADS & SWING - Beautiful songs of Duke Ellington** is not only a tribute to one of the greatest composers and jazz band leaders of the 20th century, who had a huge impact on the development of swing and jazz music, but also a reminder of the timelessness of his music, which continues to inspire generations of artists and listeners.

Another CD of Duke Ellington songs, probably many of you are wondering, but why not? And why not?

This album is an excellent choice for those who want to discover Ellington's music in a new and fresh light, as well as for lovers of contemporary jazz who appreciate innovative approaches to the classics.

For the purposes of the album, photos were taken, in the atmospheric cafe KAROLINS in the city of Hof (Germany) by a great photographer - **Andreas Rau** www.raulinse.de, who in a flash listening to the album felt the atmosphere of the style reflecting its total character. The cover was entirely designed by Wrocław graphic designer **Anna Wlazłowska**, co-author of many outstanding projects.

The sound (Mix and Mastering) was supervised by one of the most experienced specialists in his craft, **Arkadiusz Podstawka** from Ap-Studio in Wrocław www.ap-studio.eu

Attached I send you all the information-materials about the album along with the songs to download and listen to: www.slawekdudar.com/slawekdudartrio

You are cordially invited.

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