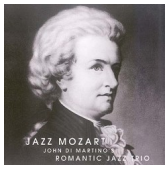
John Di Martino`s Romantic Jazz Trio - Jazz Mozart (2006)



1 The Fire of Passion 5:02
2 Soft, Like The Petals Of A Rose 4:52
3 Desert Journey 6:04
4 I've Lost Her 5:58
5 Fantasy in D minor K397 5:32
6 My Heart Needs To Know 5:19
7 Lacrymosa 6:01
8 The Willows Song 4:33
9 Dance Of The Wind 4:33
10 Arc Of Love 5:29

Personnel:
John Di Martino (piano);
Ira Coleman (bass instrument);
Grady Tate (drums).

Contained in Mozart's body of work is lyrical romance, genteel dance steps, polite, aristocratic society and melodies that linger. Two veteran pianists honor the composer while forming an alliance among disparate generations.

The trio session on Jazz Mozart features pianist John di Martino with double bassist Boris Kozlov and drummer Ernesto Simpson in a program of some of Mozart's more romantic pieces. The waltzes, in particular, carry a rewarding texture that allows for natural jazz interpretation. "The Fire of Passion , for example, from the "Piano Concerto No. 24 in C minor , briskly ebbs and flows like the motion of our lungs, as we inhale the music's secret. "Fantasy in D minor moves with a deliberate air that calls out tension and release in a passionate state. The trio

interprets "Lacrymosa (Requiem, K696) in a dark murmur that allows plenty of room for pensive thinking. Tender ballads such as "My Heart Needs to Know and "Arc of Love produce impressive results. diMartino has added one original piece, "Desert Journey , which contains an exotic charm of its own. Mozart created these works of art over 200 years ago and now di Martino redefines them as jazz masterpieces. ---Jim santella, allaboutjazz.com

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