Joe Lovano Quartets - Live At The Village Vanguard (1994)



1. Fort Worth [Set 2] (Lovano) 2. Birds of Springtime Gone By [Set 1] (Lovano) 3. I Can't Get Started [Set 1] (Duke/Gershwin) 4. Uprising [Set 3] (Lovano) 5. Sail Away [Set 2] (Harrell) 6. Blues Not to Lose [Set 3] (Boyd) 7. Song and Dance [Set 2] (Lovano) 8. Lonnie's Lament [Set 2] (Coltrane) 9. Reflections [Set 2] (Monk) 10. Little Willie Leaps [Set 1] (Davis) 11. This Is All I Ask [Set 2] (Jenkins) 12. 26-2 [Set 2] (Coltrane) 13. Duke Ellington's Sound of Love [Set 3] (Mingus) 14. Sounds of Joy [Set 1] (Lovano) Musicians: Joe Lovano - Tenor, Soprano and C-Melody Saxophone + Set One Tom Harrell – Trumpet, Flugelhorn Anthony Cox – Bass Billy Hart – Drums Set Two Mulgrew Miller – Piano Christian McBride – Bass Lewis Nash – Drums Recorded March 12, 1994 and January 22, 1995

His double CD features two distinct quartets recorded live at the Village Vanguard, ten months apart. The group with Tom was one of my most creative, and it exemplified the concistency and conception of improvisation that happens when a group is very free, but structured was well.

The Quartet with Mulgrew was more traditional, drawing on a repetoire of famous music, except for Sounds of Joy, which I wrote to play with Blackwell.

We played that tune with more traditional harmonies here. This quartet reaches some beautiful heights in the classic tradition of swing and modern jazz.

During this period, the early 90s, I had four working groups: The Trio, the Sounds of Joy Trio, the Quartet with Tom, with no piano, and the Quartet with Mulgrew. These were the sounds in my life, what I was playing, what was evolving from my life. It was the intimacy of the trio and all of these different elements that make it happen.

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