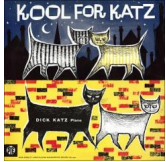


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1. *There Will Never Be Another You* (2:10) 2. *Pet* (1:59) 3. *Mirage* (2:07) 4. *Making Whoopee* (2:27) 5. *Anitra's Dance* (2:11) 6. *I'm Beginning To See The Light* (2:03) 7. *The Jitterbug Waltz* (2:39) 8. *Dick's Boogie* (2:24) 9. *Morning Glory* (2:19) 10. *Lover* (2:21) Musicians: Dick Katz-piano Judd Proctor-guitar Peter McGurk-bass Harry Brown-drums

A rare quartet outing for pianist Dick Katz recorded in London in 1958. I think that this might well have been Dick's only jazz album under his own name.

There is another pianist called Dick Katz but he is American and not to be confused with the British version here (actually German born in 1916 but moved to the UK before the start of WW2). Dick played with the Vic Lewis Orchestra during the early 1940s and later became a long serving member of various Ray Ellington groups before becoming involved in the management side of the music business. He was married to singer Valerie Masters and died in London in 1981.

He is heard here with an interesting group including session guitarist Judd Proctor, a most under-rated musician, and Peter McGurk who was later to become Dudley Moore's long serving bassman in his jazz trio from 1960-1968. Peter committed suicide in 1968 by taking an overdose of drugs. He was only 41. ---britjazz.blogspot.com

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