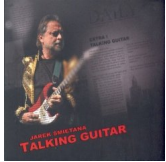


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01. *Bieganie Po Manhattanie / Manhattan Jogging* [3:19] 02. *Alisia* [4:48] 03. *Tabasco Song* [3:16] 04. *Podrozujac We Snie / Travellin' In Dream* [4:15] 05. *Trzech Panow W Lodce / Three Man In A Boat* [4:12] 06. *Samba Carrera* [3:36] 07. *Papierek Lakmusowy / Litmus* [3:15] 08. *Od Siedmiu Wzwyz / From Seven Up* [3:58] 09. *Polowanie Na Robaczka / Hunting A Bug* [4:16] 10. *Samochody W Pokrowcach / Cased Up Cars* [4:18] Jaroslav Smietana - electric guitar Gibson ES-175D Wojciech Groborz - Fender piano, korg polysixsynthesizer Antoni Debski - bass guitar Jacek Pelc - drums, percussion Jerzy Bartz - conga, percussion Henryk Miskiewicz - alto saxophone Zbigniew Jaremko - tenor saxophone Henryk Majewski - trumpet Robert Majewski - trumpet Roman Syrek - trombone Jan Baytel – flute

This is an excellent debut album as a leader by Polish guitarist / composer Jaroslav Smietana, presenting a set of ten original compositions performed by a superb team of musicians, including his ex-cohorts from the Extra Ball ensemble. The list of names reads like a who's who of the local scene at the time and includes keyboardist Wojciech Groborz, bassist Antoni Debski, drummer Jacek Pelc, percussionist Jerzy Bartz, saxophonists Henryk Miskiewicz and Zbigniew Jaremko, trumpeters Henryk Majewski and Robert Majewski (father and son), trombonist Roman Syrek and flautist Jan Baytel. The music is all Fusion oriented, with great melody lines. Smietana plays some excellent solos and is well supported by his partners. Overall this is mainstream Fusion, which ruled in the 1980s, so one must not expect complexity and innovation in what is supposed to be "good time" music, which it certainly is. The level of professionalism and talent expected from Polish Jazz are certainly there. Recommended to Fusion fans! --- Adam Baruch, polish-jazz.blogspot.com

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