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Ken Peplowski – Memories of You 2007



01. Memories Of You - 5:36 02. I'll Be Seeing You - 3:53 <u>play</u> 03. Bright Moments - 5:11 04. In A Sentimental Mood - 6:55 05. Dream Dancing - 8:24 06. Last Night When Well We Were Young - 4:46 <u>play</u>

07. It Might As Well Be Spring - 7:53 08. Lotus Blossom - 5:10 09. But Not For Me - 7:36 10. Poor Butterfly - 6:31 11. Memories Of You II - 6:52

Musicians: Ken Peplowski (Tenor Saxophone, Clarinet) Ted Rosenthal (Piano) Gary Mazzaroppi (Bass) Jeff Brillinger (Drums)

Ken Peplowski is among the top clarinetists and tenor saxophonists of his generation. After a long, fruitful period recording as a leader for Concord, Peplowski started getting a number of offers to record for overseas labels. He alternates between the two instruments during these 2006 sessions, well accompanied by pianist Ted Rosenthal, bassist Gary Mazzaroppi (long Marian McPartland's bassist of choice), and drummer Jeff Brillinger, all veterans like the leader. Peplowski's lush tenor in the first interpretation of "Memories of You" recalls Ben Webster with his soft, breathy vibrato and lyrical style. He also caresses Roland Kirk's infrequently heard ballad "Bright Moments" and renders an elegant "Dream Dancing" as well. On clarinet, Peplowski's magical treatment of "In a Sentimental Mood" (backed solely by bass at first) suggests a bird's song. The cream of the crop is his warm interpretation of Billy Strayhorn's "Lotus Blossom." This set is perfect for late-night listening. --- Ken Dryden, Rovi

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