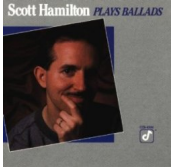


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1. *I'll Only Miss Her When I Think Of Her* 2. *Dream Dancing* 3. *'Round Midnight* 4. *Two Eighteen* 5. *Laura* 6. *Maybe September* 7. *Emily* 8. *In A Sentimental Mood* 9. *A Beautiful Friendship* 10. *Body and Soul* [play](#) 11. *Embraceable You* [play](#) Personnel: Scott Hamilton (tenor saxophone); John Bunch (piano); Phil Flanigan (bass); Chris Flory (guitar); Chuck Riggs (drums).

Its title accurately describes the romantic music on this CD. The warm tenor of Scott Hamilton (accompanied by pianist John Bunch, guitarist Chris Flory, bassist Phil Flanigan and drummer Chuck Riggs) brings out a great deal of beauty on 11 ballads, including his own "Two Eighteen" and a variety of veteran melodies. --- Scott Yanow, Rovi

I am not a regular listener of Jazz. While I have tried more modern Jazz styles from the likes of Parker, Coltrane and Miles Davis, I still much prefer the older offerings of musicians like Armstrong, Goodman, Basie and Miller.

I do love the sound of the saxophone. No other instrument quite compares to being able to give forth a romantic or sensuous sound. It should be easy to find a Jazz cd which features the saxophone for a nice, quiet romantic evening - or one would think. Unfortunately, to one such as I who is unfamiliar with most names in Jazz, this task had become one which was frustrating. I found compilations but nearly all of them had simply too much "funky bass" or up-tempo interruptions or too strong percussion. Some offered some fine tracks but then the musician decided to "impress" the listeners by launching into a "See how many notes I can play in one

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minute" routine.

I've spent alot of money and wasted alot of time trying to find that cd which is soft, unadorned, simple and romantic from beginning to end. Scott Hamilton Plays Ballads is the needle in a field of weeds for this listener. This is a great cd for that quiet evening at home with someone you love and while I would consider Dream Dancing to be a bit more up-tempo than I would have liked - given my lengthy search, it is but a minor distraction. Thank you Scott Hamilton! I do not know who comes up with all these compilation cd's of so-called "romance" but I am made to wonder if the compilers have actually ever been on a date. Scott Hamilton has been on a date! Hamilton knows!

I HIGHLY recommend this cd. Thank you once again, Mr. Hamilton and keep the ballads coming! ---amazon.com

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