Gerry Mulligan with Chet Baker (1996)



CD 1 01. Get Happy 02. 'S Wonderful 03. Godchild 04. Dinah 05. She didn't say yes, She didn't say no play 06. Bernie's Tune 07. Lullaby of the Leaves 08. Utter Chaos #1 09. Aren't You Glad You're You 10. Frenesi 11. Nights At The Turntable 12. Freeway 13. Soft Shoe 14. Walkin' Shoes 15. Aren't You Glad You're You 16. Get Happy 17. Poinciana 18. Godchild 19. Makin' Whoopee 20. Cherry 21. Motel 22. Carson City Stage CD 2

01. My Old Flame 02. All The Things You Are 03. Love Me or Leave Me-alt tk 04. Love Me or Leave Me 05. Swinghouse-101 LP tk 06. Swinghouse-121 LP tk 07. Jeru play

08. Utter Chaos #2 09. Darn The Dream 10. Darn The Dream-alt tk 11. I May Be Wrong-12 LP tk 12. I May Be Wrong-10 LP tk 13. I'm Beginning To See The Light-10 LP tk 14. I'm Beginning To See The Light-12 LP tk 15. The Nearness Of You 16. Tea For Two 17. Five Brothers 18. I Can't Get Started 19. Ide's Side 20. Funhouse 21. My Funny Valentine CD 3

01. People Will Say We're in Love 02. Reunion 03. When Your Lover Has Gone 04. Stardust 05. My Heart Belongs To Daddy 06. Jersey Bounce 07. The Surrey With The Fringe On Top 08. Ornithology 09. Travelin' Light 10. Travelin' Light-alt tk 11. The Song is You play

12. Gee Baby Ain't I Good To You 13. Gee Baby, Ain't I Good To You-alt tk 14. I Got Rhythm 15. All The Things You Are 16. Festive Minor CD4

01. Too Marvelous For Words 02. Lover Man 03. I'll Remember April 04. These Foolish Things 05. All The Things You Are 06. Bernie's Rune 07. Almost Like Being In Love 08. Sextet 09. Broadway 10. I can't Believe That You're In Love With Me 11. Lady Be Good play

12. Lady Be Good-alt tk 13. Between The Devil And The Deep Blue Sea 14. This Time The Dream's On Me 15. Let There Be Love 16. How About You? 17. I Guess I'll Have To Change My Plans 18. This Is Always-alt ver 19. My Old Flame 20. It Don't Mean A Thing If It Ain't Got That Swing 21. The Lady's In Love With You 22. I've Grown Accustomed To Your Face-alt ver 23. You Turned The Tables On Me

Musicians: Chet Baker (tp), Gerry Mulligan (bs), Bobby Whitlock (b), Chico Hamilton (d), Carson Smith (b), Larry Bunker (d), Lee Konitz (as), Pete Candoli (tp), Bud Shank (as), Joe Mondragon (b) Annie Ross (v)

Baritonist Gerry Mulligan's pianoless quartet of 1952-1953 with trumpeter Chet Baker was one of the most popular groups of the period and an influential force on West Coast Jazz. Mulligan's interplay with Baker looked back toward the collective improvisation of Dixieland but utilized up-to-date harmonies. This four-CD set overlaps with a previous (and now out-of-print) five-LP Mosaic box. In addition to all of the Pacific Jazz (as opposed to Fantasy and GNP/Crescendo) recordings of the Mulligan Quartet (including the hit version of "My Funny Valentine"), this box has a few slightly earlier titles that find Mulligan gradually forming the group (even utilizing pianist Jimmie Rowles on two songs), tunes from live sessions in which altoist Lee Konitz made the band a quintet, the 1957 Mulligan-Baker set called Reunion, and an Annie Ross date from the same period (leaving out the numbers that have Art Farmer in Baker's place). Despite both musicians remaining active for over 30 years, Mulligan and Baker only teamed up again on one occasion, for a 1970s Carnegie Hall concert released by CTI. The consistently delightful music on this box (much of which is classic) is highly recommended for all jazz collections. ---Scott Yanow, AMG

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