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Leggero: Live in Bari, Italy by Pierluigi Balducci Small Ensemble

Recorded live at the Pentagramma Music School at Bari, Italy on March 5, 2006, this collection of jazz songs is outstanding in its scope, creative approaches, and original stylings. The Pierluigi Balducci Small Ensemble is a fine jazz group, and its ability to share a musical jazz intimacy with the listening audience is memorable. This is a remarkable recording with its jazz expressions.

There are seven long, beautifully performed jazz songs in this CD collection. The songs include "Strange Meeting," "Careful," Edward Duke Ellington's great song "The Mooche," "The Vision," "All of a Sudden My Heart Sings," "Del Cavaliere Errante su Campi Dorati," and the intricate "Leggero." Antonio Tosques' "The Vision" is one of the gems on this collection.

This jazz CD will have a wide appeal. Luciano Biondini is superb on accordion, and so is Antonio Tosques on guitar and Pierluigi Balducci on bass. Contemporary jazz would benefit greatly with more fine world music jazz groups such as the Pierluigi Balducci Small Ensemble. "Leggero" reveals how well and perfectly these musicians play and compliment each other musically, their jazz work unique and enjoyable listening!

One of the many appeals to this colorful, imaginative collection is the performances of the musicians. It is a genuinely wonderful listening experience, one you will savor for a long time and renew each time you listen to the CD.

Topnotch in every way. This is the kind of jazz CD that grows on you with its subtle workings, stylings, and approaches. Every song is a winner! Every performance is superbly realized, and shared with the jazz listening audience.

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