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Joe Sullivan Big Band

Unfamiliar Surroundings

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Production: Joe Sullivan

TRACKLISTING

OCTOBER SUITE

TRACK 1 PRELUDE

TRACK 2 OFF KILTER

TRACK 3 LET'S GO

SUITE LAURENTIENNES

TRACK 4 THE GRACKLE

TRACK 5 NIGHTFALL

TRACK 6 UNFAMILIAR SURROUNDINGS

OTHERS

TRACK 7 THE WAITING GAME

TRACK 8 A LULLABY

TRACK 9 MONTAGE #3

TRACK 10 THE CAPTAIN'S LOG

TRACK 11 REFUGE

MUSICIENS - MUSICIANS

SAXOPHONES : RÉMI BOLDUC, DONNY KENNEDY, ANDRÉ LEROUX, AL MCLEAN, JEAN FRÉCHETTE

TROMPETTES-TRUMPETS : JOCELYN COUTURE, JOCELYN LAPOINTE, ARON DOYLE, DAVE MOSSING, JOE SULLIVAN

TROMBONES : DAVE GROTT, RICHARD GAGNON, JEAN-NICHOLAS TROTTIER, BOB ELLIS

SECTION RHYTHMIQUE-RHYTHM SECTION : ANDRÉ WHITE (PNO), ALEC WALKINGTON (BS),

DAVE LAING (DRS)

COMPOSITIONS : JOE SULLIVAN

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Trumpet player and composer Joe Sullivan cultivates a certain nostalgia for large orchestras, and that's a good thing. Since the great Vic Vogel has «retired», big bands are seldom, maybe because supporting and sustaining a large orchestra takes a lot of effort. Apart from l'Orchestre national de jazz de Montréal, pianist Lorraine Desmarais and saxophonist Yves Turgeon and their respective big bands, our musicians don't get to play too often in large groups. For this double album launch, Joe Sullivan makes no compromise. This is hard-hitting music, powerful suites that require some attentive listening without it being overly academic. As he'd done to highlight trumpeter Lafflèche Doré (The Lightning Suite) many years ago, Joe Sullivan chose the path of the Suites, a high-octane method to express strong ideas. When opening the record sleeve, the first listen is the October Suite, featuring many great musicians including trombonist Jean-Nicolas Trottier, guitarist Lorne Lofsky, drummer Dave Laing and eminent pianist Andre White.

In postcard formats, next track I listen is the Suite Laurentides, a beautiful tribute to this part of the country in which Joe Sullivan shows us his total mastery of the flugelhorn, like saxophonist André Leroux on the title track of the album. Never in the same mode, his compositions offer a kaleidoscope of jazz with essences of Gil Evans, Marty Paich and no doubt Shorty Rodgers. Let's mention the long-term work as well as the vitality of the musicians that have nothing to envy of our american cousins.

Let's hope there's a concert soon!

Joe Sullivan Big Band - Since its début performance in 1998, the Joe Sullivan Big Band has become a major presence on the Canadian jazz scene. The group's growing list of accomplishments includes numerous concert appearances, radio broadcasts and three critically acclaimed CD recordings. The group has received numerous grants from the Canadian and Québec arts councils and was twice nominated for a Prix Opus. The ensemble is anchored by one of Canada's finest rhythm sections in André White (piano) Alec Walkington (bass) and Dave Laing (drums). It also features an all-star cast of Quebec's top jazz soloists, including Rémi Bolduc, André Leroux, Aron Doyle, Jocelyn Couture and the young trombone virtuoso Jean-Nicholas Trottier. The band performs from a large and varied repertoire of contemporary jazz compositions, principally by Sullivan and Jean Fréchette.

Depuis son spectacle inaugurale en 1998, le Joe Sullivan Big Band est devenu une force majeure sur la scène de jazz au Canada. Le groupe compte parmi ses accomplissements de nombreux concerts, émissions de radio et trois excellents disques compacts. Il a aussi reçu de nombreux distinctions, y inclus des bourses des conseils des arts canadiens et québécois et deux nominations pour le prix opus. En plus d'une superbe section rythmique, l'orchestre compte parmi ses membres plusieurs vedettes du jazz québécois, y inclus Rémi Bolduc, André Leroux, Aron Doyle, Jocelyn Couture et le jeune tromboniste virtuose Jean-Nicholas Trottier. Le répertoire du groupe comprend des pièces de jazz contemporain composés principalement par Sullivan et Jean Fréchette.

Web Site : <http://joesullivan.ca/js-big-band/about-the-js-big-band>