

HENRY ROBINETT QUARTET

JAZZ STANDARDS, VOLUME 1: **THEN**



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HENRY ROBINETT is a guitarist, composer, bandleader and recording engineer who has released five albums since 1986 to stellar reviews. His first release, *The Henry Robinett Group*, received a 4-Star review in *DownBeat Magazine*. *JazzTimes* said about his 2016 release, *I Have Known Mountains*, "The dozen pieces that appear here make it plainly clear that Robinett is a man who places a high premium on clarity. His well-thought-out messages, be they focused on tragedy, love, or life's winding road(s), manage to appeal to the ear. If jazz has an accessibility problem, nobody bothered to tell Henry Robinett."

He is finally releasing an album he recorded 20 years ago. *JAZZ STANDARDS, VOLUME 1: THEN* is unlike his other releases. Known for his modern, eclectic sound that melds world music with electric jazz, Robinett recorded *Jazz Standards* as an homage to the musicians whom he admires and who have shaped his music. "Honestly, I don't know why I left it

on the shelf for so long," says Robinett. "I grew up listening to bebop, and the great bebop players had enormous influence on me. When I wrote and performed my own music, though, I naturally incorporated the wide range of music styles I had played with other bands. I think the *Jazz Standards* album was just too different from my other work, which made me hesitant to release it. But after listening to it again after so many years, I like it. I think it stands up well and shows another side to my playing."

The album is resplendent with Robinett's tasty grooves. His guitar work is swinging and accessible, and he approaches a tune not unlike a singer, emphasizing the melody while adding colors through his phrasing and harmonic choices. *Jazz Standards, Volume 1: Then* shows a more traditional side of Robinett's artistry while still retaining his highly appealing style.

THE HENRY ROBINETT QUARTET

HENRY ROBINETT *guitar*
JOE GILMAN *piano*
CHRIS SYMER *bass*
MICHAEL STEPHANS *drums*

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1. I HEAR A RHAPSODY 5:36
2. YELLOW DAYS (LA MENTIRA) 6:38
3. THE DAYS OF WINE AND ROSES 6:18
- * 4. THE WAY YOU LOOK TONIGHT 5:37
- * 5. ILL WIND 6:19
- * 6. EAST OF THE SUN 6:27
7. INVITATION 7:25
8. SOUL EYES 6:55
- * 9. WHY DO I LOVE YOU? 6:25
10. PINOCCHIO 4:41

* *Suggested Tracks*

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