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TWO NEW CDs

TWO NEW BANDS

Here are two new CDs by two bands, new to p.e.k. Sound, playing traditional jazz in very contrasting musical styles.

PKCD-413 Elayna Martin with The Yacht Club Four Plus One

"Aggravatin' Papa"

The first CD by this excellent five-piece N.O.-style band who are joined by one of the finest female singers I've heard in ages. Recorded in May 2017

PKCD-414 Dave Rance and Richard Leach

"Together Again - 50 Years On"

Dave Rance and Richard Leach met in 1967 and formed their first band together. In July 2017, fifty years on, they got together again to record this CD at a live club session - and we all had a ball!

See below for full details of these new CDs

SPECIAL OFFER

But any four CDs from the Main Catalogue or my Undeletions List and deduct £7 from the total price.

Why not send for a copy of my Undeletions List? It's free and it's packed with musical gems from the past 25 years of P.E.K. Sound, many of them long since deleted but now available again.

NEW RELEASES

PKCD-413

ELAYNA MARTIN with THE YACHT CLUB FOUR PLUS ONE "Aggravatin' Papa"



The band's unusual (and slightly cumbersome) name came from their early days playing as a quartet for sailing club social events. They now play, usually as a five piece band, at jazz clubs, pubs and functions in and around their home area in Hampshire. Their music is firmly rooted in the New Orleans idiom as the list of tunes shows:- Downhearted Blues, Careless Love, Black Cat On The Fence, Saint James Infirmary Blues, Snag It, Just A Closer Walk With Thee, Summertime, The Old Rugged Cross, Aggravatin' Papa, In

The Garden, Dauphin St Blues, Mood Indigo, Panama, Saint Louis Blues. This, their first CD, was recorded (not live) in May 2017. The line-up (also slightly unusual) is Tony Karavis cornet; Josh Robins clarinet and saxes; Paul Maple trombone; Dave Cummings banjo; Linda Robins tuba. Elayna Martin, a young singer with a superb bluesy voice, sings on nine of the fourteen tracks. (73min)

PKCD-414

DAVE RANCE & RICHARD LEACH "Together Again - 50 Years On"



Trumpeter Dave Rance and trombonist Richard Leach met in 1967 and very soon formed their first band together. After a few years they began to follow separate paths although they never lost touch and for the next five decades their jazz careers were loosely entwined.

In July 2017 they got together for a one-off club session to mark their fifty year friendship and this CD is the result. Dave, Richard, all the band and everyone present had a ball that evening; there are moments on the CD when you can hear Dave and Richard egging each other on; it was great fun!

The band line-up, (Dave Rance's Rockin' Chair Band) is:- Dave Rance trumpet, flugelhorn; Richard Leach trombone; Derek Scofield clarinet & saxes; Doug Parry banjo & guitar; Miike Brewerton double bass; Henri Harrison drums. The tunes are:- Nobody's Sweetheart, When You And I Were Young Maggie, Roses Of Picardy, Singin' The Blues, Johnson Rag., Should I, Blue Turning Grey Over You, If I Had A Talking Picture Of You, When Somebody Thinks You're Wonderful, Bourbon Street Parade, Sleepy Time Gal, Put Another Log On The Fire, Lily Of The Valley, Rocking Chair, Jump In The Line, Love Nest. (76min)

LOOKING AHEAD

Sadly I have almost nothing to report! Apart from one recording booked for April 2018 - Martin Bennett's Old Green River Band - there is nothing at all! So it looks as if I will have no new releases to offer you in March 2018. I suppose it's a symptom of the way the jazz scene has contracted over the past few years and there's not much we can do about it except support our local jazz clubs whenever possible.

There are lots of bands who don't have CDs for sale and if any of you are in touch with bands who you think might want to make a recording please let me know.

In the meantime I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Jazzy New Year.

Enjoy your jazz,

Peter Kings