

Pierre Dørge & New Jungle Orchestra

Dancing Cheek To Cheek

The brand-new Jungle cd opens with *Cheek to Cheek*, a worn-out Louis Armstrong and Ella Fitzgerald classic, made famous generations ago. The tune itself is really wonderful and sweet, but it was quite unexpected that New Jungle Orchestra would choose to take it up and get something new out of it. But the Jungle Orchestra never ceases to surprise. Pierre Dørge conjures up the magic of the tune once again, and it comes out, different of course, but irresistibly charming with Josefine Cronholm and American trombonist and singer Ray Anderson in the foreground. It's the first time that the Jungle Orchestra have thrown themselves into a standard, apart from their versions of Ellington tunes. Later on the cd there's also a unique performance of *Body and Soul*. And *Something New From Africa* could also be called a kind of classic, danced to by everyone around '68.

But the choice of tunes is not the only thing that's out of the ordinary. The music is as fresh and exciting as if it had been heard live, with new spirit, an ocean-deep swing and a different spark - lighted, perhaps, by the unruly, youthful rhythm section that drives the band to new heights in its fresh interpretation of the standards and the fascinating and inspiring original compositions and songs.

There's ample room for the band's own individualists and the invited guests. Enjoy the young Gambian kora player and singer Dawda Jobarteh, Ray Anderson's vocals and wild trombone, the Swedish flute virtuoso Anders Hagberg, the new rhythm section, and all the dynamic regular jungle inhabitants. But there's also the sound - more raw and no-nonsense, with each instrument clear as a bell. And all of it wrapped in an amazing cover, designed as an old, damp patched-up book with Pierre Dørge's own subtle comments on the surprises - straight from the jungle.

Come and say hello again to Pierre Dørge & New Jungle Orchestra, meet them cheek to cheek, with body and soul.

Pierre Dørge (g), Gunnar Halle (tp), Kasper Tranberg (corn), Morten Carlsen (taragot, ts), Jakob Mygind (ss, ts), Anders Banke (as, cl, bcl), Kenneth Agerholm (tb), Irene Becker (p, keyb), Thommy Andersson (b), Bent Clausen (vib), Ayi Solomon (con, perc), Martin Andersen (dr) + Ray Anderson (tb, voc), Josefine Cronholm (voc), Anders Hagberg (fl), Dawda Jobarteh (kora, tama, voc).

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