

Steve Berndt featuring Brian Browne



In 2012 Steve Berndt approached Canadian jazz piano master/Steinway Artist Brian Browne with a suggestion that they record an album of jazz vocal/piano standards in the jazz duo tradition. Recording live to tape in studio the pair improvised all arrangements and released an album of mostly first and only takes.

The resulting recording named "Déja Vu" after one of Steve original songs was immediately played nationally on CBC's Tonic and added to The Ottawa Citizen's Top 10 Ottawa Jazz Recordings list for 2012. The title track was added to the TD Ottawa International Jazz Festival's 2012 compilation disc and the duo was included in the festival.

In 2014 Steve then produced another disc, again with Brian and in the jazz vocal/piano tradition and wrote a song called "All Over Again" to be the title track. This 2nd "bookend" album has also been on rotation at Tonic as well as Radio Canada's "Quand le jazz est là" and was favourably reviewed by well known jazz critic Scott Yanow in the May 2016 Los Angeles Jazz Scene.

"Steve Berndt is a fantastic talent, Déjà Vu not to be missed"

Jauques Emonds, CKCU Radio

"Berndt's voice is strong, he has a inviting and cheerful style and he excels on both ballads and medium tempo pieces"

Scott Yanow, LA Jazz Scene

"Berndt writes natural but untrite lyrics and crafts songs with some interesting cadences to them. Above all, he renders his own words, as well as those of the greats, with conviction"

Peter Hum, Ottawa Citizen

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