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Upper Austrian Jazz Orchestra – "101 Years Glenn Miller"

This is an album by the veteran Austrian Jazz Big Band called The Upper Austrian Jazz Orchestra, led by saxophonist Christian Maurer. The orchestra's lineup features four trumpets, five saxophones, four trombones and a rhythm section (piano, guitar, bass and drums). Vocalist Ali Gaggl, who often takes part in the orchestra's project, sings on four tracks. The resident guest on this album is the wonderful British arranger / conductor Michael Gibbs, whose work within the Big Band idiom is second to none. The album was recorded live and presents fourteen brilliant arrangements of classic Jazz standards associated with the repertoire of the legendary American Jazz trombonist / composer / arranger / bandleader Glenn Miller. As the album's title suggests, it is a tribute to Miller's legacy and celebrates his 101 Birthday.

As usual, the orchestra's performances are absolutely spotless and spiced with the superb arrangements the familiar standards get a sparkling facelift, bringing the music up to date. The individual orchestra members contribute a series of brilliant soli and Gaggl offers her usual heartfelt and passionate vocals.

The superb arrangements by Gibbs stand up to the challenge of presenting a new facet of Miller's sound, which is one of the most commonly familiar illustrations of Jazz music, recognized by listeners who often do not listen to Jazz on a regular basis. As a result this new approach emphasizes the differences between the American Swing of the 1940s and the modern European Big Band sound of today. For more experienced Jazz enthusiasts and scholars of the genre this is a classic school example of the influence of arrangements on the final result in music, and Gibbs is surely one of the best out there to show everybody how it's done.

This album is also a great example of a loving and well planned and executed tribute, which offers a new perspective on all familiar music, managing to eschew clichés and trivializing the core substance of the music, which sadly happens often, especially in connection to Glenn Miller's legacy. Despite its laid-back exterior, Miller's approach to Jazz was full of delicate sensitivities and sophistication, all of which are perfectly preserved here.

Overall this is a brilliant Big Band album, which offers classy music which is accessible to a wide range of listeners, way beyond the strict Jazz snobs. A pure pleasure from start to finish, this music moves your tapping heels whether you like it or not. Absolutely delightful!

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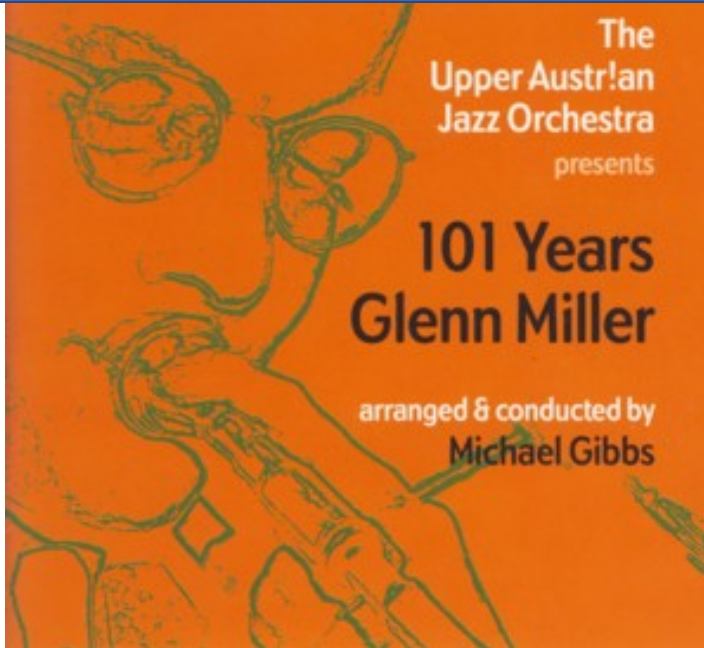
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