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Christian Howes

& The Horacio Icasto Quartet
■ Live in Madrid

ABOUT THIS DVD

**CHRISTIAN HOWES
& THE HORATIO ICASTO QUARTET:
Live in Madrid**

Lauded as Downbeat Magazine's #2 rising star, up-and-comer Christian Howes has wowed fellow performers and audiences alike with his explosive violin stylings, uncanny improvisations and a

remarkable stage presence that has caused him to be called the "Jazz Paganini."

Christian Howes is just beginning to cast his signature sound and indelible echo onto the world of Jazz. In a corporate musical culture where distinct sounds are cast aside as unmarketable, Howes has shattered the mold, demonstrating the compositional proficiency and improvisational mastery that has made him one of the most sought after young players in Jazz today. Whether working alongside Jazz icons such as Randy Brecker, Jack DeJohnette, Billy Hart, and Dr. John or playing every important Jazz stage from Newport to Birdland, Howes is both a breath of fresh air in the music world and the purveyor of a new sound that is breaking violin stereotypes and captivating music fans and critics yearning for a unique musical vision.

Selections Include: I've Found A New Baby, Pent Up House, Waltz For Katherine, Song For My Daughter, Madrid Blues, Nuages, Adios Nonino, I've Got Rhythm, Conejiltrami

Length: 57 Minutes plus Multiple Bonus Features

Musicians:
Christian Howes: Violin
Horatio Icasto: Piano
Santiago Reyes: Guitar
Victor Merlo: Bass
Noah Shaye: Drums

DVD BONUS FEATURES:

Alternate "Broken Violin" Ending
Christian Howes Biography
Horatio Icasto Biography
Christian Howes Picture Gallery
Bonus Music
DVD Recommendations
Instant Access to Songs & Solos
Dolby Stereo Audio
Digitally Mastered Audio & Video

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Marketing Highlights

- Voted #2 Rising Star in Jazz Violin by Downbeat Magazine
- Christian Howes is a Yamaha artist and featured in national magazine advertisements
- National media support with press releases to significant magazines, newspapers, and other media
- Advertising support in major and select jazz and general music publications
- International tour in support of the product's release

Here's What the Critics Say:

"Howes is a jazz player...whose solid, classically trained technique provides the freedom to fully express an expansive improvisational imagination." - Don Heckman, *Los Angeles Times*

"As a jazz violinist today, he has no peer." - Michael Bailey, *allaboutjazz.com*

"A force of nature... one of the best young jazz violinist in the world." - David Templeton, *Strings Magazine*

"Christian Howes is arguably the most intriguing young violinist in jazz." - Tom Surowicz, *Minneapolis Star Tribune*



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The Soulful Sounds of Jazz Meet a Symphonic Choir in Poland's Most Beautiful Cathedral From Arkadia DVD

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Billy Harper in Concert

LIVE FROM POLAND

ABOUT THIS DVD

BILLY HARPER in Concert: Live From Poland
Featuring
The Szczecin Technical University Choir

Considered one of the premier saxophonists of the post-Coltrane era, Billy Harper's unique, soulful approach to Jazz is on full display in this full-length concert, live from Szczecin, Poland. Performing at the Metropolitan Basilica Cathedral of St. Jacob, known for its acoustic splendor and gothic brilliance, Harper showcases everything from Jazz, with his symphonic flair, to the mystical reach of Gospel Music.

Billy Harper possesses an expansive, genre deconstructing style that fluctuates effortlessly around everything Jazz, from the Kansas City sound to Hard Bop, Fusion to Free, and further embraces influences from Blues, Gospel and Rock music. While constantly evolving from the influential sound of previous Jazz generations, Harper has been careful to carve out his own sound rather than retrace that of music's past, and in the process has consciously and continuously pushed the bounds and momentum of music forward.

Arkadia DVD is proud to present *BILLY HARPER in Concert: Live from Poland* with his core ensemble (Francesca Tanksley, Clarence Seay, Newman Taylor Baker & Piotr Wojtasik, who plays with Harper when he performs in Poland), and featuring the 60-piece Szczecin Technical University Choir. A truly special evening.

Selections Include: Light Within, Speak to Me of Love, Speak to Me of Truth, Thy Will Be Done, Quest, The Awakening, Cry of Hunger

Length: 80 minutes plus Multiple Bonus Features

Musicians:
Billy Harper: Tenor Saxophone
Francesca Tanksley: Piano
Clarence Seay: Bass
Newman Taylor Baker: Drums
Piotr Wojtasik: Trumpet
The Szczecin Technical University Choir

DVD BONUS FEATURES:

Bonus Concert Performance
Billy Harper Biography
Photo Gallery
Digitally Mastered Audio & Video
Dolby Stereo Audio
Instant Access to Songs & Solos
DVD Recommendations



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Marketing Highlights

- Renowned saxophonist Billy Harper actively tours worldwide
- Billy Harper and his septet are backed by the 60-member Szczecin Choir and filmed for TV in the spectacular Metropolitan Basilica Cathedral of St. Jacob in Szczecin, Poland
- National media support with press releases to significant magazines, newspapers, and other media
- Viral internet marketing campaign
- Advertising support in major and select jazz and general music publications

Here's What the Critics Say:

"...his unique sound on the tenor and distinctive style as a composer has brought him international acclaim and truly sets him apart from most other players."

- Russ Musto, *allaboutjazz.com*

"Harper's fivesome plays hardy, heady, expansive jazz rich in cascading dynamism and fervent soloing."

- Gene Halbacher, *Hot House Magazine*

"An encounter with any of Harper's recordings will leave his distinctive sound imprinted on your brain."

- Terrence James, *Previews*

"He is a soul of sensitivity and intelligence, as well as of explosive, majestic passion." -Thomas Albright, *San Francisco Chronicle*



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