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Norbert Stein Pata Music/NDR Big Band

Graffiti Suite

Pata Music

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If you think all big bands sound the same, wait until you hear this double CD set from the NDR Big Band. Conducted by maestro Norbert Stein, this 22 piece orchestra packs adventure to the brim. Consisting of all original music, in more ways than one, *Graffiti Suite* is filled with outside and adventurous sounds, at times ready to burst, and always pushing at the seams. The suite's overture features brassy and sassy tones, with fluttering bones and trumpets eventually segueing into the fiery "U.B.U./No.w.here" that includes some torrid interplay between Mark Nauseef's drums and Christoph Lauer's tenor saxophone. There is also some exotic percussion work provided by Marcio Doctor, which blends into Stephan Diez's moody guitar work and Lucas Lindholm's nourishing bowed double bass on the challenging "Music in 7 Houses." The rumbling brass on "Flocking Birds" is quite intriguing and thought provoking. The free floating rhythm section is well suited to the bluesy sax on "Hot Spots," which also includes some quite original vocal effects. There is a lot of music beautiful here to dwell on for the big band fan with a large horizon.

Pata Music on the web: www.patamusic.de.

Track Listing: Franz Pataeng/ U.B.U. (No.w.here)/ Music in 7 Houses/ Flocking Birds/ Hot Spots, Tai Chi & More

Personnel: Thorsten Benkenstein, Ingolf Burkhardt, Claus Stoetter, Michael Leuschner, Philipp Kacza- trumpet; Fiete Felsch, Peter Bolte- alto sax, clarinet, flute; Christoph Lauer,

Lutz Buechner- tenor sax, clarinet, flute; Frank Delle- baritone sax, bass clarinet, flute; Markus Steinhauser, Gabriel Coburger- tenor sax; Dan Gottshall, Sebastian Hoffmann, Stefan Lottermann, Ingo Lahme, Christophe Schweizer- trombone; Stephan Diez- guitar; Lucas Lindholm- bass; Vladyslav Sendecki- piano; Marcio Doctor- percussion; Mark Nauseef- drums.