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The Baltimore Jazz Alliance

THE GRASSO-RAVITA JAZZ ENSEMBLE

SKIP GRASSO PHIL RAVITA GREG SMALL BENNY RUSSELL NUC VEGA

JAGGED SPACES



Benny Russell tenor saxophone, soprano saxophone

Skip Grasso guitar

Greg Small piano

Nuc Vega drums

Phil Ravita acoustic bass and electric 6-string bass

1. **JAGGED SPACES** 6:46
(Skip Grasso, BMI Music Publishing)
2. **HER LIFE INCOMPLETE** 5:32
(Skip Grasso, BMI Music Publishing)
3. **SONGHAI** 6:51
(Benny Russell, ASCAP Music Publishing (Nguzo Saba Publishing))
4. **BLUE SUNSHINE** 6:45
(Phil Ravita, BMI Music Publishing)
5. **CIRCLES** 8:09
(Greg Small, BMI Music Publishing)
6. **ALL ABOUT CYNTHIA** 7:57
(Benny Russell, ASCAP Music Publishing (Nguzo Saba Publishing))
7. **LATIN FOR LEANDRO** 9:06
(Skip Grasso, BMI Music Publishing)
8. **THE HOMECOMING** 4:56
(Skip Grasso, BMI Music Publishing)
9. **CHASING SHADOWS** 4:28
(Phil Ravita, BMI Music Publishing)

The Grasso-Ravita Jazz Ensemble's debut CD *Jagged Spaces* is a nine disc collection of original compositions written by members of the band and as founding Skip Grasso member states, "We challenge ourselves on a daily basis to define a more personal language within the tradition of Jazz, a tradition which we love, respect, and devote our lives to."

A few of these finely crafted and honed treasures include the leaping intervals of the title track to bassist and co-founder of the ensemble Phil Ravita's imagery and observations in "Blue Sunshine" and "Chasing Shadows". Pianist Greg Small's "Circles" provides an ethereal melody while guitarist Grasso's "The Homecoming" gives

Produced by Skip Grasso and Phil Ravita

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