



PJ PERRY PRESS RELEASE

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NEW CD NOTA BENE – MEETS CRITICAL ACLAIM!

NOTA BENE abbr. NB. Latin phrase meaning "note well" ... used to direct attention to something important.....

Dec 10, 2009: **Nota Bene CD release concert sold out**

"...it was magical...the band was sparked by the appreciative crowd and gave them an electric performance..."

Dec. 2009: **Nota Bene, PJ Perry's latest recording breaks Christmas sales figures for a jazz CD at stores in Edmonton**

Edmonton Journal (Dec 9th, 2009): **Jazz Critic Roger Levesque picks Nota Bene by PJ Perry as one of the memorable CDs of 2009**

"Nota Bene resonates with the sounds of a master reedman who has distilled his artistic essence to a new level of seemingly effortless depth and economy right from the opening bars of Parker's Mood, a classic by Perry's continuing inspiration Charlie 'Yardbird' Parker...."

Dec. 2009 CKUA Radio: **Jazz Host Don Berner picks Nota Bene by PJ Perry as one of Top Five Picks for Xmas gifts 2009**

Dec. 2009: Craig Magill* Edmonton Jazz Society

"I remember when I first listened to P.J. Perry's CD. Time Flies [tempus fugit], saying "It will be hard for P.J. to ever equal these performances." Well, Nota Bene, I was wrong. This CD once again presents P.J. at the top of his game, displaying his incredible technique, his amazing ability to get inside a tune to make it his own, and his oh-so-beautiful tone on alto saxophone.

Like some of his heroes growing up, he has always had the ability to surround himself with musicians who are themselves accomplished improvisers, composers and leaders in their own right and who also share P.J.'s philosophy that above all the music must swing.

I love the tune selection on this recording that includes seven excellent examples of the standard jazz repertoire. NB. Parker's Mood, a ballsy blues that would have brought a smile to Bird's face, and the up tempo Limehouse Blues, the perfect foil for demonstrating P.J.'s phenomenal chops. Add five P.J. originals. NB. the beautiful ballad, Arnie, written for P.J.'s long-time friend/band mate Arnie Chycoski (1936-2008), and the Latin number Salsa Saxófono, and you have a CD that demands a place in your collection."

*Craig Magill is a jazz educator and a long time board member of the Edmonton Jazz Society . He is also a member of the program committee for the Yardbird Suite, Edmonton.



The Nota Bene Band, Toronto, 2009

P.J. Perry will be performing in the Broadway musical "Come Fly Away" opening on March 1st, 2010 at the Marquee Theatre, New York. For more information please visit www.comeflyaway.com

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