

Hearings

by Douglas Sloan

Top 5 for February 2014

(In NO Particular Order)

- **B11**
- **Raymond Gonzalez**
- **Jamie Lynn Hart**
- **Matt Schofield**
- **Damon Fowler**

B11 15-SONG CD

- PETER GUNN THEME
- SURF SPAGHETTI
- THE PINK PANTHER THEME
- BOYAN'S BOLERO
- ISN'T SHE LOVELY
- ALLIGATOR BOOGALOO
- WALTZ IN A
- THE GOSPEL OF ME
- BEATRICE
- FUNKY MAMA
- MOON RIVER
- MIAMI BEACH RHUMBA
- PERFUME DE GARDENIAS
- THE ONE NOTE PIANO

• BOYAN'S NEW TUNE

Guitarist-songwriter Boyan Hristov is the heart and soul behind B11 and his new instrumental album of the same name. Opening with the Henry Mancini penned "Peter Gunn Theme," Hristov remains faithful to the vibe of original guitarist Duane Eddy while giving it a tougher edge and snarl. He also gives "The Pink Panther Theme" (also written by Mancini) a faithful workup that displays his chops and spot-on sense of tradition. It's clear that Hristov is smitten with the early sounds of American rock & roll and it's progenitors as he expresses those ageless sounds with steadfast clarity. Other tracks of note include the beautifully played Stevie Wonder track "Isn't She Lovely," the Hristov penned "Surf Spaghetti," the Latin flavored "Miami Beach Rhumba," the funkfest of "The One Note Piano" and the jazzy fretboard workout of "Boyan's New Tune."

Accompanied by drummer Mike Levesque, bassists Brian Holtz and Tom Appleman, conga/bongo player Eric German Rodriguez and conga-guiro player Ron Bayless, Boyan Hristov delivers a healthy dose of guitar driven

rock and smoldering jazz that's sure to satisfy lovers of instrumental guitar. [D.S]

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DISC 1- A CAPPELLA

- THE BEST IS YET TO COME
- BEWITCHED, BOTHERED AND BEWILDERED
- LET'S MISBEHAVE
- NIGHT AND DAY
- CRY ME A RIVER
- I'VE GOT THE WORLD ON A STRING
- WHEN I FALL IN LOVE
- IT'S DE-LOVELY
- BEYOND THE SEA
- CHEEK TO CHEEK
- BEGIN THE BEGUINE
- AT LAST
- I'VE GOT YOU UNDER MY SKIN
- THE LADY IS A TRAMP
- MY FUNNY VALENTINE
- I WON'T DANCE
- EV'RY TIME WE SAY GOODBYE

DISC 2- ORCHESTRAL