

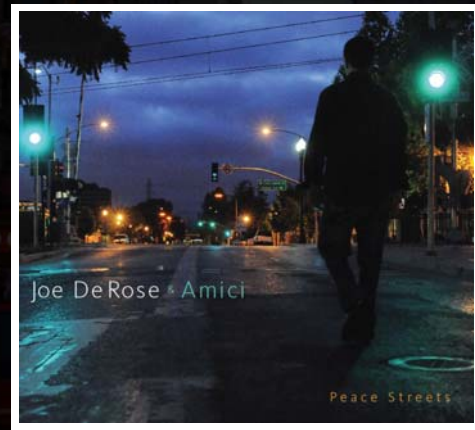
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JOE DeROSE and AMICI - *Peace Streets*

My guitar-playing friend Hristo Vitchev sent this one for review. He's co-leader on this and Joe (drums) is (I assume) the leader. The other members are Dann Zinn on sax, Murray Low on keys & Dan Robbins on bass. In fact, I only got this posted into my queue yesterday – & that's part of what makes this one unique – it got JUMPED right to the head of the queue... yes, it IS "that good"... as you scope out the marvelous energy and sophisticated changes on "The Spirit Of The Room", you'll know right NOW why this had to get a review so soon! "Smiles For Miles" had room for each player to shine – and they burn brilliantly on this tune, I'll tell you Hristo's guitar lead is absolute KILLER on this one! Of the dozen tracks offered up for your aural adventure, I found the opener, "New Frontiers", to be my favorite... but then, each time I listen to the CD (I've already listened to it 6 times this morning), I find something "new" & "refreshing". If you're looking for something to buy your musically "bored" friends, because they need to get "re-charged" – this comes MOST HIGHLY RECOMMENDED... it gets an "EQ" (energy quotient) rating of 5.00, which means it also gets the "PICK" of this issue for "best 21st Century fusion jazz"!

- Dick Metcalf (*Improvijazzation Nation Magazine*)