

V/A Amarcord Nino Rota

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DESCRIPTION

Corbett Vs. Dempsey present a reissue of Amarcord Nino Rota, a tribute album assembled by producer **Hal Willner**, originally released by Hannibal Records in 1981. If you think you know how to put a mix-tape together, take a lesson from Hal Willner, the absolute master. In 1981, Willner produced a landmark record of interpretations of music written by Nino Rota for the films of Federico Fellini. With ten tracks and as many different lineups, this record set the template for a series of brilliant tributes that Willner has made over the ensuing 35 years, covering the songbooks of Monk, Mingus, Weill, and Disney, with a mindexpanding range of performers from Eugene Chadbourne to Chuck D to Diamanda Galas to Peter Frampton. On Amarcord Nino Rota, Willner drew together an equally dazzling spectrum of musicians, compiling them into a perfect program that explores Rota's wonderful, sly, sexy oeuvre from contrasting and complementary perspectives. Pianist Jaki Byard sets the stage with the title track and ends things with "La Strada", and in his first appearance on record, guitarist Bill Frisell contributes a haunting solo acoustic version of "Juliet Of The Spirits". Soprano saxophonist **Steve Lacy**, who lived in Rome early in his international years, offers a take on Rota's "Roma" and vibraphonist Dave Samuels provides interludes and transitions in a couple of spots. On the other end of the size bracket, Muhal Richard Abrams arranges and conducts his band as part of "La Dolce Vita Suite", which ends with a rock group featuring **Debbie Harry** singing a wordless waltz. The Carla Bley Band presents a daunting, suitably hilarious version of "8 ½", with Gary Windo's ballistic tenor saxophone, a David Amram Quintet with Sharon Freeman on French horn plays "Satyricon", and in a surprise appearance, trumpeter **Wynton Marsalis** plays alongside his brother **Branford**, tenor saxophonist **George Adams**, pianist Kenny Barron, bassist Ron Carter, and drummer Wilbert Fletcher, in William Fischer's arrangement of a medley of Rota chestnuts. Long out-of-print on LP and only released on CD for a hot minute in the early nineties, Amarcord Nino Rota is a certifiable classic.

TRACKLISTING

- 01. Jaki Byard Amarcord
- 02. Dave Samuels Interlude From Juliet Of The Spirits
- 03. The Carla Bley Band 81/2
- 04. Dave Samuels Themes From La Dolce Vita And Juliet Of The Spirits
- 05. Bill Frisell Juliet Of The Spirits
- 06. Sharon Freeman/Muhal Richard Abrams/Michael Sahl/Chris Stein -
- La Dolce Vita Suite: Introduction/Notturno/Interlude/Valzer (Parlami Di Me)
- 07. The David Amram Quintet Satyricon
- 08. Steve Lacy Roma
- 09. William Fischer Medley: The White Sheik/I Vitelloni/II Bidone/The Nights Of Cabiria
- 10. Jaki Byard La Strada

HIGHLIGHTS

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- Features Steve Lacy, Bill Frisell, Debbie Harry, Wynton and Branford Marsalis, and more.

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