



RYO FUKUI

Scenery

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DESCRIPTION

We Release Jazz (WRWTFWW Records' new sister-label) presents its first release, the official reissue of **Ryo Fukui's** highly sought-after masterpiece *Scenery*, originally released in 1976. Unquestionably one of the most important Japanese jazz albums ever recorded, *Scenery* reveals Ryo Fukui as a miraculously brilliant self-taught pianist fusing modal, bop, and cool jazz influences for a very personal, dexterous, and game-changing take on classic standards made famous by **Bing Crosby** and **John Coltrane** among others. From "It Could Happen To You" and its serene and calm intro which magically flows into a jubilant and upbeat piece, to the out-of-this-world piano solo of "Early Summer", or the incredible teamwork of "Autumn Leaves" where Fukui leads **Satoshi Denpo** (bass) and **Yoshinori Fukui** (drums) into groove heaven, every single note on the album oozes precision, confidence, and flair and every single section slides seamlessly into one another, creating a supreme and elegant blend of jazz. Often compared to **McCoy Tyner** or **Bill Evans**, Ryo Fukui was a genius in his own right, a true master of his craft whose perfectionism gave birth to some of the greatest music ever recorded. *Scenery* is his magnum opus and an absolute must-have. The Hokkaido wizard-pianist followed *Scenery* with the soulful gem *Mellow Dream* (WRJ 002CD/LTD-LP) in 1977. He then focused on improving his live skills, often performing at Sapporo's Slowboat Jazz Club (which he co-founded with his wife **Yasuko Fukui**) and releasing two live albums. Ryo Fukui sadly passed away in March 2016, leaving behind a legacy of works that is sure to captivate jazz lovers for generations to come. Sourced from the original masters. CD comes in digipack. LP version is mastered at half speed; 180 gram vinyl; Stoughton tip-on sleeve.

TRACKLISTING

01. It Could Happen To You
02. I Want To Talk About You
03. Early Summer
04. Willow Weep For Me
05. Autumn Leaves
06. Scenery



LP cover

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Also available:

(WRJ 002CD/ LTD-LP) FUKUI, RYO: *Mello...* CD/LP [4260544823732/4260544823671]

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