



RYO FUKUI Mellow Dream

Label

WE RELEASE JAZZ

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LP

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Genre

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DESCRIPTION

We Release Jazz (WRWTFWW Records' new sister-label) present the official reissue of criminally overlooked Japanese jazz gem *Mellow Dream* by Hokkaido pianist wunderkind **Ryo Fukui**, originally released in 1977. Released in conjunction with the its legendary predecessor 1976's *Scenery* (WRJ 001CD/LP/LTD-LP). Firmly standing on the foundation he laid down with *Scenery*, Ryo Fukui continues his exploration of modal, bop, and cool jazz sounds with meticulous grace and absolute mastery. As its title suggests, *Mellow Dream* ventures into slightly mellower, more soulful, and sometimes more contemplative territories (the **Bill Evans**-reminiscent "Mellow Dream" and "My Foolish Heart") while still packing the commanding punch Fukui's work is loved for, as heard on the amazingly bombastic "Baron Potato Blues" or the gigantic **McCoy Tyner/John Coltrane**-influenced "Horizon" which sees each member of the trio – **Satoshi Denpo** is on bass and **Yoshinori Fukui** is on drums – demonstrating their virtuosity for nine exhilarating minutes. With his sophomore album, Ryo Fukui swings from melancholy to vibrant joy with ease, and reminds you that jazz is best served with a pinch of blues, and displays an immensely rare combination of pure talent, unique personal approach and focused discipline. The man undeniably deserves a spot in the pantheon of all-time great jazz pianists. After releasing the outstanding *Scenery* and *Mellow Dream* back-to-back, Ryo Fukui worked on developing his live skills, often performing at Sapporo's Slowboat Jazz Club (which he co-founded with his wife **Yasuko Fukui**), and even releasing two live albums. He sadly passed away in March 2016, leaving behind a legacy of works that all jazz lovers should explore. Sourced from the original masters. Mastered at half speed; 140 gram vinyl; includes sticker.

TRACKLISTING

01. Mellow Dream
02. My Foolish Heart
03. Baron Potato Blues
04. What's New
05. Horizon
06. My Funny Valentine

HIGHLIGHTS

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- We Release Jazz is the new sister-label of WRWTFWW Records.
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