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ARTIST TITLE

Bill Ramsey & hr-Bigband
Here's To Life – Here's To Joe
A Tribute To Joe Williams

LABEL CATALOG # PRICE-CODE EAN-CODE

Bear Family Productions
BCD 17506
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FORMAT GENRE TRACKS PLAYING TIME

1 CD digipac with 28-page booklet
Jazz / Swing / Vocals
12
43:29



- Bill Ramsey pays tribute to his idol Joe Williams on a par.
- Recorded in 2005 with the hr-Bigband from Frankfurt/M. under the direction of Jörg Achim Keller.
- Another BEAR FAMILY release to commemorate Bill Ramsey's 85th birthday in 2016.
- Jazz, Swing, and Blues classics from the Williams songbook.
- CD album with 28-page booklet, linernotes and songnotes by Bill himself.

INFORMATION

The legendary American Joe Williams is considered one of the great swingers and blues shouters. Bill Ramsey, the popular Jazz singer and entertainer, was a friend of the vocalist who passed away in 1999. The two singers cultivated a friendship for decades. Ramsey stands out on this tribute CD with the obvious ease of his jazz singing which reveals much of the intimate knowledge of Williams's style. Arranger Jörg Achim Keller has contributed thrilling new arrangements which are performed with great verve by the hr-Bigband – a single celebration of joie de vivre, the joy of playing, technical perfection and physical elation.

Joe Williams was Bill Ramsey's great role model, and he became one of his best friends from 1981 onwards. They talked to each other a great deal – about music and life – and felt a mutual bond as if they were part of the same family. That special American quality was so important for this project (besides the language of course), that certain ability to keep simple things simple without any effort, to hit those rich notes with an assurance that spares the listener any thoughts of interpreting a hidden meaning, or considering problems of intonation and vibrato.

The arrangements by Jörg Achim Keller for the hr-Bigband are in the style of Count Basie: punchy and precise, presented within imitable rhythmic verve, while also incorporating the compositional finesse of later big band developments.

A limited edition of this album was originally issued to celebrate Bill Ramsey's 75th birthday in 2006. Ten years later, BEAR FAMILY released Bill Ramsey's 'My Words', a double CD to commemorate his 85th birthday. This set was so well received that we decided to make 'Here's To Life – Here's To Joe', a true classic from Bill Ramsey's jazz catalog, available again to a larger audience.

TRACKLISTING

Alright, Ok, You Win • In The Eyes Of Children • How Sweet It Is To Be Loved By You • Here's To Life • Smack Dab In The Middle • Who She Do • The Comeback • Lover Come Back To Me • Gee Baby Ain't I Good To You • Woman's Got Soul • Everything Must Change • Everyday I Have The Blues



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BCD 15693 AH

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