

SANDRO GIBELLINI

Albums: You, and the Night and the Music 1998



Song Name

- 1 You and the Night and the Music (5:44)
- 2 Alberto's Dilemma (5:52)
- 3 Ivan Bells (5:21)
- 4 Just One of Those Things (6:23)
- 5 I Didn't Know What Time It Was (4:37)
- 6 Atonale (3:10)
- 7 Maria Grappa (5:54)
- 8 Jitterbug Waltz (6:49)
- 9 Poquito de Tu Amor (6:30)

This straight-ahead guitar, bass, and trap drum trio is a delight in their understated pursuit of solid post-bop existentialism. Guitarist Sandro Gibellini has been nicknamed The Arpeggiator in Italy for his loose-wristed flying left hand, which tears chords apart for their melodic possibilities. Bassist Ares Tavolazzi is a deeply centered pizzicato player whose belief is that the heart of rhythm lies in extended harmonics and a lot of wood, while the fleet-handed Mauro Beggio practices his painterly brushwork with a flair that denotes his intuition that the trap kit is for dancing upon. The choice of cover material here -- particularly the title track, Rodgers and Hart's "I Didn't Know What Time It Was," and Fats Waller's "**Jitterbug Waltz**" -- is striking in that each of these tunes from the canon showcases a different aspect of the trio's ability to highlight both melody and sophisticated intervallic machinations simultaneously. Of the originals there's less of a variety in that they are full of pulsing blues and deft, hard-bopping swing. Most notable is the glorious deep-blue groove of "Alberto's Dilemma," which showcases the open-handed tight chording of Gibellini against a strong contrapuntal line from Tavolazzi and double timing by Beggio from the heart of the cut. This is a solid date, top to bottom, and pretty much a must-have for fans of jazz by guitar trios. ~ Thom Jurek, All Music Guide