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Tango Fiesta – Gus Flaherty

Passion, Served International Style

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Product Rating: ★★★★★

Pros: High spirited yet reflective. Absolutely pleasant music.

Cons: Not sold in stores *anywhere*. You really don't know what you're missing.

The Bottom Line: To say that *Tango Fiesta* is a rich and varied musical experience is an understatement.

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Nothing evokes the thought of passion quite like the Tango...

Meet Gus Flaherty, musician and composer of **Tango Fiesta**. Perhaps not so much a composer of the tango as he is the composer of a soundtrack. The score to a film that has yet to be written.

How does a Los Angeles resident who was born in England and studied at the University of Toronto Conservatory of Music manage to give new life to Latin music such as the Mambo, Rumba, Samba, Bossa Nova, Bolero and Cha Cha, not to mention the Tango we are considering tonight? With an International flavor and Hollywood flair...

To say that **Tango Fiesta** is a rich and varied musical experience is an understatement. Drawing on influences and musicians from Peru, Japan, Russia, Columbia, Greece, the U.S. and Uruguay, among other locations, Gus Flaherty molds the tango to his every whim and inspiration while keeping the basic theme vibrantly alive.

It is rare that I find an album so captivating as this. At first blush it would be easy to think: Wow, 45 minutes of solid tango music. That's got to get real old real fast. However, with the vast selection of cultural flavors tied in, no one song can represent the entire album. There is an essence to each of the 14 tracks which makes them all stand and succeed on their own.

I never thought I would be a lover of the tango. But a British man spinning Latin music was too good to pass up. I'm glad I did not pass this up, as **Tango Fiesta** has become a staple of my CD collection. In a world of cookie-cutter Pop Princesses and Boy Bands, Gus Flaherty is just the breath of fresh air we all needed.

For more information and to preview/purchase this fantastic album, please visit www.tangofiesta.com

Recommended:

Yes