



Butch Thompson

SELECTED QUOTES

“Butch Thompson gets the soul of the song.....fluid and easy, clever and brilliant.”

The Boston Globe

“..the incomparable jazz piano of Butch Thompson.”

The Wall Street Journal

“Butch Thompson’s remarkable performance transports us, not to a precious museum exhibit, but right to the core of an evolving tradition. His taste, exquisite execution, and interpretive power are unequalled today.”

Eric Kriss, Barrelhouse & Boogie

“Best known the US as the regular pianist on Garrison Keillor’s radio show, Thompson is a musicologist of vast erudition as well as a distinguished ragtime pianist. His notes to this CD are almost worth the price on their own. These 13 beautifully modulated performances have the added advantage of not including ‘The Entertainer.’ ”

from a review of Thompson Plays Joplin from The Observer, London

“Mr. Thompson’s timing, shading and coloristic runs are idiomatically Jelly Roll – exuberant, free and open...”

John S. Wilson, The New York Times

“The music exudes for a listener time, race history and passion. As played by a player with the gifts of Thompson... it rolls you over. When Thompson strolled into the divine ‘Jelly’s Blues’ you were lost in the subtlety. Joy and blues made the night .”

from review of June 1998 concert with Cairo Symphony - Al-Ahram, Cairo Egypt

“Beguiling piano Americana from an interpreter who knows that Bix was more than an impressionist and Fats was more than a buffoon.”

The Village Voice

“....the premier player in traditional jazz today.”

Jazz Journal International

“Whether playing ragtime, Jelly Roll Morton or traditional carols, Thompson is an undisputed jazz master. It's a joy to watch his hands float over the keys.”

William Randall Beard, St. Paul Pioneer Press

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