

JOURNEY INTO JAZZ

Gunther Schuller



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First recording with translated text in Italian of the most famous musical story in jazz history: Journey into jazz by Gunther Schuller.

Schuller, a talented cornet player, had established himself as an accomplished composer, conductor, teacher and populariser; later he would also be recognised as one of jazz's most influential musicologists. In 1961, he composed the music for a

kind of parable, Journey into Jazz for speaker, orchestra and jazz band, which tried to tell the audience what jazz is and how one really becomes a jazz musician. The text was written by Bostonian Nat Hentoff (1925-2017), an equally eclectic intellectual, one of the most intelligent and respected jazz critics, record producer and writer. Schuller relies on a direct musical language, accompanying the text with clear, concise episodes, which at key points let the jazz quintet emerge, improvising. Classical music is entrusted with the more narrative and descriptive parts and jazz with the more emotional and expressive ones.

Completing the recording project are two original pieces, "the perfect family" by Alberto Giraldi and "morning sunrise" by Marco Postacchini, and an original reinterpretation by Filiberto Palermini of Bix Beiderbecke's famous "in a mist?", which symbolically continue Schuller's journey along the road already marked out.

TRACKLIST

1. Journey into jazz (G. Schuller)
2. The perfect family (A. Giraldi)
3. Morning sunrise (M. Postacchini)
4. In a mist? (F. Palermini/ B. Beiderbecke)

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