

BIO

Betti van der Noot, Dino A., jazz composer; born Rapallo, Italy, 9/18/1936. Mother and cousin classical pianists. Studied at Scuola Musicale, Pavia, 1946-51; privately in Milan '59; Berklee College of Music '70s. In Italy, led combos '57-60. Not active in music in '60s. Led amateur big band '69-78; professional big band '82. His big band sidemen included Luis Agudo, Franco Ambrosetti, Paul Bley, Sandro Cerino, Bob Cunningham, Famoudou Don Moye, Andrea Dulbecco, Bill Evans, David Friedman, Danny Gottlieb, Donald Harrison, Paul Motian, Giancarlo Schiaffini, Jonathan Scully, Steve Swallow, Ares Tavalazzi, John Taylor, Tiziano Tononi, Gianluigi Trovesi, Joyce Yuille, Vincenzo Zitello, others '05. Betti van der Noot is chairman of B Communications, a prominent Milan ad agency, and has composed many jingles. He led a big band in NYC, Sept. '87. His compositions are narratives rife with colour, ranging from the boldest hues to the most subtle and revealing a sensitive, inventive melodist and lapidarian master of orchestral skills (from: **Leonard Feather & Ira Gitler**, with the assistance of *Swing Journal*, Tokyo: **The Biographical Encyclopedia of Jazz**, Oxford University Press, New York, 1999, page 59).

Polls: Third Best of the Year, 1986, and Second best of the Year, 1987, in USA Today poll; Record of the Year in *Musica Jazz* critics poll 1987; Record of the Year in *Musica & Dischi* critics poll 1989; Record of the Decade in *Musica & Dischi* critics poll 1989; Composer of the Year, *Musica Jazz Top Jazz* critics poll, 2007. Albums: *Basement Big Band*, 1977; *A Midwinter Night's Dream*, 1983; *Here Comes Springtime*, 1985; *They Cannot Know*, 1987; *A Chance for A Dance*, 1987-88; *Space Blossoms*, 1988-89; *Ithaca/Ithaki*, 2003-05.

Wrote about his music: James Brown, Croan, Gitler, Hentoff, Iannapollo, Ilwood, Jeske, Lange, Murphy, Palmer, Pareles, Porter, Shepard, Tesser, Watrous, Whitehead, USA; Berger, Bourdin, Quénum, France; Aliperto, Barazzetta, Belgiojoso, Candini, Cane, Casalini, Cerchiari, Corbetta, Di Fronzo, Di Termini, Favot, Fayenz, Franchi, Franchini, Franco, Gatto, Giamatti Fubini, Gianolio, Gioacchini, Maletto, Mannucci, Parmeggiani, Paternoster, Poggio, Polillo, Pollacci, Pollastri, Sabelli, Schiozzi, Serra, Taormina, Viganò, Vita, Zaccagnini, Zanzi, Zorman, Italy.

Basement Big Band, 1977, Edizioni dell'Isola EIJ 2023.

Soloists: Luciano Biasutti, Mike Burke, Luigi Tisserant, Rudy Meledandri, Rino Lagona, Carlo Brioschi, Pino Sacchetti, Sergio Sondrio, Renzo Imporati, Leonardo Vasco, Enrico Arrighini.

A Midwinter Night's Dream, 1983, Five FM 13511.

Soloists: Luciano Biasutti, Demo Morselli, Mike Burke, Franco Corvini, Emilio Soana, Rudy Meledandri, Rudi Migliardi, Gianni Bedori, Gianluigi Trovesi, Hugo Heredia, Gianni Farè, Bruno De Filippi, Santino Palumbo, Julius Farmer, Franco Testa, Gianni Cazzola, Maurizio Preti, Giulia Fasolino.

Here Comes Springtime, 1985, Soul Note (1986) SN 1149.

Soloists: Franco Ambrosetti, Rudy Brass, Luca Bonvini, Donald Harrison, Gianluigi Trovesi, Hugo Heredia, Mitchel Forman, Bob Cunningham, Luis Agudo, Daniel Humair.

They Cannot Know, 1986, Soul Note (1987) SN 1199.

Soloists: Rudy Brass, Sergio Fanni, Giancarlo Schiaffini, Bill Evans, Gianluigi Trovesi, Hugo Heredia, Riccardo Luppi, Marco Visconti, Peppino De Mico, Mitchel Foman, Gianni Farè, Attilio Zanchi, Luis Agudo, Danny Gottlieb, Carmen Lundy.

A Chance for A Dance, 1987-88, Innowo (1988) IN 800.

Soloists: Rudy Brass, Bill Evans, Gianluigi Trovesi, Hugo Heredia, Mitchel Forman, David Friedman, Attilio Zanchi, Danny Gottlieb, Luis Agudo, Tiziano Tononi, Carmen Lundy.

Space Blossoms, 1988-89, Innowo (1989).

Soloists: Rudy Brass, Giancarlo Schiaffini, Donald Harrison, Gianluigi Trovesi, Hugo Heredia, Sandro Cerino, Paul Bley, Vittorio Cosma, Steve Swallow, Luis Agudo, Jonathan Scully, Paul Motian, Roberta Gambarini.

Ithaca/Ithaki, 2003, Soul Note (2005) 121399-2.

Soloists: Giancarlo Schiaffini, Gianluigi Trovesi, Sandro Cerino, John Taylor, Marco Ricci, Vincenzo Zitello, Andrea Dulbecco, Ares Tivolazzi, Famoudou Don Moye, Jonathan Scully, Luis Agudo, Tiziano Tononi, Joyce Yuille, Paola Folli.

The Humming Cloud, 2006, Sam Production/Egea (2007) SAM 9008.

Soloists: Beppe Caruso, Sandro Cerino, Daniele Cavallanti, Elio Marchesini, Marco Ricci, Fabrizio Puglisi, Sergio Taglioni, Vincenzo Zitello, Jonathan Scully, Tiziano Tononi, Ginger Brew, Simona Bondanza.

God Save the Earth, 2009, Sam Production/Egea (2007) SAM 9026.

Soloists: Alberto Mandarini, Beppe Virone, Beppe Caruso, Sandro Cerino, Giulio Visibelli, Gilberto Tarocco, Elio Marchesini, Marco Ricci, Alberto Tacchini, Matteo Corda, Vincenzo Zitello, Gianluca Alberti, Francesco D'Auria, Tiziano Tononi, Ginger

Brew.