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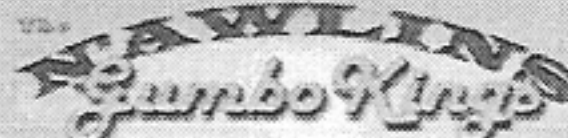
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CD Reviews: JazzTrenzz: Amina Figarova "September Suite"

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By Karl Stober

It was a time when the core of the apple fell; for just in a surreal historic moment the eyes of the globe attempted to sort out the horrors of a hateful humanity which most do not subscribe too. Clouded by the mist of death and the complex confusion many minds were raised to a new level, a higher level, and a level when ones life?s means more than a paycheck or material wishes. This is what Amina Figarova felt, filtered, and fashioned in her new release by Munich Records call September Suite, a deep and dynamic piece of emotional sound as it related to the orchestrated mayhem designed by mankind, September 11th.

Ms. Figarova has allowed in this project to allow her keyboard to release the feelings she had on that day. A tribute unlike most where she feels, the keyboard weeps, and you recall which is a consequence any artist would welcome. Her keyboard at times is the focus however all the sounds share in the poignant jewel.

A simple exquisite spin is ?When The Light Go Down? as Ms. Figarova attempts to relate the loss of one life yet the realization of a new. The gentle arrangement of the ivories along with the whisper of the Mahieu bass works this moment very nicely with an angelic restful resonance. Note the tempo, which establishes the aura on this piece.

Horns and percussion are the catalysts on the cut ?Rage? defining the question we all had. Why? Tempo is strong, fast, and multi-directional depicting the feeling at that time. Schepers and Herck?s brass get across the anger in this arrangement.

I have been following this fine pianists path for some time and can say without reserve and with an unbiased thought September Suite is Ms. Figarova?s finest work. What makes this opinion reality is that Ms. Figarova can manipulate her feelings and talent into any arrangement needed. Not afraid to release her energy and foresight musically and emotionally. This is what makes her work special and deserved of standing alone in her field.

It will be a fascinating to imagine how she raises above the level of September Suite!
September Suite is a touching movement of a moment!

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