

New Release

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FRANCESCO CROSARA

CIRCULAR MOTION

"A pianist who originally hails from Italy, Crosara is well-versed in bop lore, and his delicate flow might indicate a debt to Bill Evans." **Down Beat**

From a lifetime of music creation, Seattle-based Italian pianist & composer Francesco Crosara selected 10 of his compositions from the last 40 years with the idea of highlighting the nexus between early work, with its simplicity and youthful appeal, to later works where he expressed richer harmonic textures and possibilities. Always close by are the influences from his early mentoring in Rome from Chick Corea & Dizzy Gillespie, through his move to the US and the program at USC. Three different rhythm sections bring his music to life, each adding varied sonic textures and rhythmic vitality to the whole. Bassist Clipper Anderson & drummer Mark Ivester swing and float; the vibrant grooves of electric bassist Farko Dosumov and drummer D'Vonne Lewis lend a modern momentum; and the youthful eclecticism of bassist Osama Afifi and drummer Xavier Lecouturier adds yet another dimension.

"...precious insights into his fertile imagination and harmonic daring." **JazzTimes**

- 1 **PRELUDIO FLAMENCO** 6:01
- 2 **LONGING** 6:24
- 3 **JULIA'S TANGO** 6:53
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- 9 **ONE DAY HONEY ONE DAY ONIONS** 6:22
- 10 **SARAVA** 6:14

COMPOSITIONS BY FRANCESCO CROSARA / ECILA MUSIC, BMI

FRANCESCO CROSARA acoustic piano, synthesizer

CLIPPER ANDERSON
acoustic bass (2,4,5,8)

MARK IVESTER
drums (2,4,5,8)

FARKO DOSUMOV
electric bass (1,3,7,9)

D'VONNE LEWIS
drums (1,3,7,9)

OSAMA AFIFI
electric bass (6,10)

XAVIER LECOUTURIER
drums (6,10)

Produced by Francesco Crosara

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on January 17 & 18, 2022; Assistant Engineer: Benjamin Lange

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