

George Winston

SOLO PIANO DANCE

George Winston's solo piano dances feature New Orleans R&B, Soul, rock, slow dance songs & more. His three main influences for this way of playing are:

1. The late New Orleans pianist James Booker, who was the first one to take R&B, Soul music, New Orleans music, the Blues, the Ray Charles influence, the Professor Longhair influence, and more, and make a whole solo piano style out of those traditions;

2. The great New Orleans R&B/Jazz pianist Henry Butler, whose latest album *PiaNola Live*, was co-produced by Henry and George.

3. The late New Orleans pianist Professor Longhair, the founder of the New Orleans R&B and piano scene in the late 1940s, and who has influenced every R&B pianist from that region.

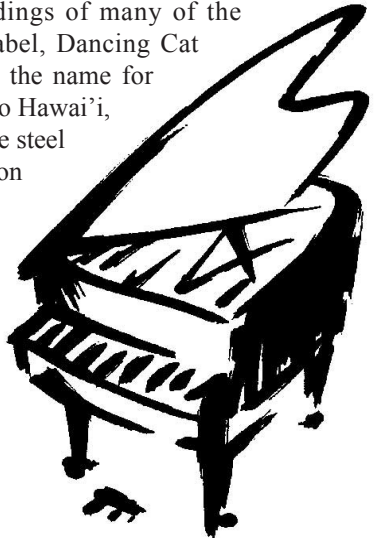
Also inspiring him are New Orleans pianists Dr. John & Jon Cleary, Ray Charles, stride pianists Thomas "Fats" Waller, Teddy Wilson & Earl Hines, and more.

George is working on interpreting pieces for the dances by many of his favorite composers including Professor Longhair, Vince Guaraldi, the Doors, Sam Cooke, Frank Zappa, Randy Newman, Ray Charles, Curtis Mayfield, Al Kooper, Dr. John, Henry Butler, James Booker, Jon Cleary, Philip Aaberg, and others.

George's albums available tonight include *LINUS & LUCY - THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI* (1996); *NIGHT DIVIDES THE DAY - THE MUSIC OF THE DOORS* (2002), which evolved out of arranging Doors songs as part of the repertoire for the solo piano dances; and his latest solo piano recording *GULF COAST BLUES & IMPRESSIONS - A HURRICANE RELIEF BENEFIT* (2006). His next release will be *LOVE WILL COME - THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI, VOL. 2*. He will also be recording another Hurricane relief Benefit album.

George is also actively producing recordings of many of the great Hawaiian Slack Key guitarists for his label, Dancing Cat Records (www.dancingcat.com). Slack Key is the name for the beautiful finger-style guitar tradition unique to Hawai'i, which probably began around 1830 (predating the steel guitar by 60 years). The Slack Key guitar tradition is characterized by a wide variety of tunings and the wealth of deep feelings each artist brings to the music. So far 39 releases have been issued and more are planned. He is also recording his main inspirations for his harmonica playing, Sam Hinton, Rick Epping, and Curt Bouterse.

Most of the time he is touring, playing solo piano concerts (playing either his *Summer Show* or *Winter Show*), solo guitar concerts, solo harmonica concerts, and solo piano dances. For more information see www.georgewinston.com.



Three of George's solo piano recordings are available here tonight, all proceeds from the sale of these recordings are donated to the dance's benefit organization.

AVAILABLE TONIGHT

❖ GULF COAST BLUES & IMPRESSIONS - A HURRICANE RELIEF BENEFIT

- includes *New Orleans Shall Rise Again, Creole Moon, & When The Saints Go Marching In*

❖ NIGHT DIVIDES THE DAY - THE MUSIC OF THE DOORS

- includes *Riders In the Storm*

❖ LINUS & LUCY—THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI

- includes *Linus & Lucy*. This album has compositions by the late jazz pianist, who composed the scores for the first 16 of the Peanuts animations as well as his hit the standard piece from 1962, *Cast Your Fate to the Wind*. A second volume, LOVE WILL COME - THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI, VOLUME 2, will be released in early 2009.

❖ PROFESSOR LONGHAIR - ROCK & ROLL GUMBO

- 1974 album by the founder of the New Orleans R&B piano scene.

George Winston Discography

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1. GULF COAST BLUES & IMPRESSIONS - A HURRICANE RELIEF BENEFIT - solo piano album includes *New Orleans Shall Rise Again, Creole Moon, & When the Saints Go Marching In* - 2006 release.
2. NIGHT DIVIDES THE DAY - THE MUSIC OF THE DOORS
- includes *Riders In the Storm*

3. MONTANA - A LOVE STORY
- includes *You Send Me*
4. REMEMBRANCE - A MEMORIAL BENEFIT - a 6-song CD with piano, guitar and harmonica solos, to benefit those affected by 9/11.
5. PLAINS - includes *Angel*
6. LINUS & LUCY - THE MUSIC OF VINCE GUARALDI
7. FOREST
8. SUMMER - Special enhanced CD edition, with one bonus track and printable sheet music of *Lullaby*.
9. WINTER INTO SPRING - 20th Anniversary enhanced CD edition, with one bonus track and printable sheet music of *Reflection*.
10. DECEMBER - 20th Anniversary enhanced CD edition, with two bonus tracks and printable sheet music of *Variations on the Canon by Pachelbel* - includes *Pachelbel's Canon*.
11. AUTUMN - 20th Anniversary enhanced CD edition, with one bonus track and printable sheet music of *Longing/Love*.
12. BALLADS & BLUES 1972 - (new special edition with 5 bonus tracks and sheet music for *New Hope Blues*.)

SOUNDTRACKS

1. THE VELVETEEN RABBIT - Meryl Streep (narration) & George Winston - 20th Anniversary edition with one bonus track and sheet music for *The Velveteen Rabbit*.
2. SADAKO AND THE THOUSAND PAPER CRANES - Liv Ullman (narration) & George Winston (solo guitar). Includes *Boys of Ballisodare (Birds in Flight)*.



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