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Mr. B and Bob Seeley*Back to Back*

Boogie-woogie piano acolytes Mr. B (aka Mark Lincoln Braun) and Bob Seeley have each dedicated their careers to keeping the genre alive. Their joint release, *Back to Back*, features each in a solo piano setting, working through a list of stride piano classics.

The album takes a unique, if somewhat clinical approach: the two artists work their way through a treasure trove of boogie-woogie classics penned by the likes of: W.C. Handy, Jelly Roll Morton, Duke Ellington, and others; but each song is played twice, once by Mr. B and once by Bob Seeley, unaccompanied on piano. The result is an album that showcases the difference in approach between the two artists; Mr. B, the younger of the two, often takes a subtler more nuanced approach, while the octogenarian Bob Seeley stays grounded in the boogie-woogie rhythm.

For those who aren't willing to take the time and listen, this album may seem repetitive; but for enthusiasts of the boogie-woogie genre, or for serious piano students, *Back to Back* will be a welcome contribution.



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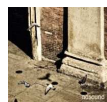
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