

More Critical Acclaim for Denny Zeitlin Live at Maybeck

“...Zeitlin offers a fusion of freedom and control, dissonance and harmony, jagged rhythms and settled forms...he brilliantly dissects ‘Round Midnight’ and Gershwin’s ‘My Man’s Gone Now,’ offers Tristano-caliber bop on Coltranes ‘Lazy Bird,’ and winds up with a blazing medley of ‘What Is This Thing Called Love’ and ‘Fifth House’. Vol. 27 continues the high standard of Concord’s increasingly historic Maybeck recital series.” - DENVER POST

“Denny Zeitlin proves himself to be a versatile solo pianist on this live date. His infectious opener, ‘Blues On the Side,’ is far too complex to be compared with a typical blues. John Coltrane’s ‘Lazy Bird’ is tackled at a furious tempo worthy of its composer. And Zeitlin’s refreshingly deliberate approach to ‘Round Midnight’ manages to capture the dark undertones. Zeitlin’s lyrical side is also evident. ‘Sophisticated Lady’ captures the essence of Duke Ellington, while ‘Just Passing By’ is a subtle original that conjures images of a brisk stroll at the beginning of autumn. Zeitlin then shifts into upper gear for an intense medley of ‘What Is This Thing Called Love’ and ‘Fifth House,’ which concludes with a blazing finale.” - CHATTANOOGA NEWS—FREE PRESS