



IF
Fahir Atakoglu Trio
Featuring

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Introducing the full-length album Jazz CD, “IF” performed by the Fahir Atakoglu Trio, featuring Fahir Atakoglu on piano, Anthony Jackson on bass (Paul Simon, Eye Witness, Michel Camilo,) and Horacio “El Negro” Hernandez on drums (McCoy Tyner, Michel Camilo, Carlos Santana). .

After many successful album releases in his native country of Turkey (currently he resides in Washington D.C.) and around the rest of Europe, Fahir’s release of “IF” represents an interesting departure from the large symphonic works and film music that he is so well known for. Instead of a ninety piece orchestra, his music here is performed by only three musicians and what a fabulous trio it is!

The CD “**IF**” with Fahir Atakoglu, Anthony Jackson and Horacio “El Negro” Hernandez blends the Turkish flavor of Modern Istanbul with the Americas: Anthony Jackson’s soulful bass and precise “walks” and the virtuosity of Horacio “El Negro” Hernandez’ ambidextrous Latin rhythms highlight Fahir’s sensitivity as a composer. When Fahir Atakoglu performs, he deeply moves his audiences while his unique rhythmic melodies and harmonies electrify the total ambiance of the sold out concert halls and stages where he has played not only in Turkey and Japan, but all over Europe. Following his first album in 1994, Fahir Atakoglu has released 8 albums in 17 countries including the USA and he has sold over 2 million copies since. The Trio is planning an upcoming national tour to support the release of “**IF**” in February 2006.

Ahmet Ertegun, of Atlantic Records, referred to Fahir Atakoglu as:

*“...One of the outstanding pianists and composers in Europe today
.... at the cutting edge of the world music...”*

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