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## RALE MICIC

Guitarist / Composer  
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Rale Micic featuring Tom Harrell  
Serbia

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Rale Micic, guitarist and composer born in Belgrade, Serbia, released his debut album in 2003. On this album traditional jazz was fused with Balkan melodies. After graduating from music school in 2000, Mr Micic moved to New York City and founded a quartet bearing his name. The new album, "Serbia", consists of ten compositions, eight of which are the artist's originals, one is a traditional Balkan folk tune, and another is by Sean Conly, the group's bass player. Except for a few fast tempo compositions the album is set in a world of ballads and tranquil melodies. Micic leads on guitar, Reynolds on saxophone or Harrell on trumpet. The latter collaborates eloquently with Micic as the featured guest artist. All in all, the album represents the highest caliber jazz of today. More than anything, Rale Micic amazes us with a sense of style undoubtedly influenced by his Balkan background. (A.L.)