



## Belmondo & Milton Nascimento



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**Milton Nascimento** has one of the most instantly recognisable voices in the world: A beautiful soaring falsetto that is brilliantly framed here by the stunning arrangements of Lionel Belmondo and Christophe Dal Sasso.

Born in Brazil, a “continent country”, with Latin, African and European cultures, Milton Nascimento invented a world of music where the elements commonly associated with the sounds of Brazil, like Samba, Toadas and Bossa Nova, all come together. He has never favored one style over another, and in each album he successively found inspiration in popular American music, in the Beatles’ pop, in jazz, in folk music from the Amazon, in liturgical hymns and in the work of a fellow countryman, the great composer Heitor Villa-Lobos. He isn’t one to let himself be categorized into any one style, and, while he has described how the voice of Ray Charles had moved him profoundly as a teenager, he loves Edith Piaf just as much (as illustrated in one of his latest albums), and also Doris Day and Sarah Vaughan, and he sings a sentimental tune or subversive lyrics with the same fervor.

Famed as one of Brazil’s greatest singer-songwriters Nascimento has worked with the likes of Wayne Shorter, Paul Simon, George Duke and Quincy Jones and his albums have featured the likes of Pat Metheny, Ron Carter, Herbie Hancock, Jack DeJohnette and Nana Vasconcelos. It is that heritage that the Belmondo’s (whose previous albums include tributes to Stevie Wonder and Yusef Lateef) have drawn on for this beautiful re-working of some of Nascimento’s greatest songs. Including like *Travessia*, *Milagre dos Peixes* and *Canção do Sal*, songs he regularly revisits but which are heard here in stunning new versions.

**Belmondo & Milton Nascimento play the Jazz Café, Camden on May 5<sup>th</sup> and are available for interview.**

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