

California Feetwarmers - *Silver Seas*

The California Feetwarmers are based in Los Angeles, and play a heady mix of Ragtime, early swing and Dixieland Blues. Put yourself in prohibition times with a sharp suit, a fedora and a speakeasy playing the vibrant music of the times and you are right in the essence of this record.

With old classics revisited and material from The Blue Ridge Playboys, Scott Joplin, The Memphis Jugband and Emile Grimshaw's Rag Pickers, the quality just flows effortlessly.

This release was recorded live in Los Angeles at the Kingsize Soundlab and the 13 tracks really bounce out of the speakers with a groove and attitude that is irresistible.

Keb' Mo' used these musicians as the backing band for his latest album, *Blues Americana*.

The collaboration won them a Grammy nomination in the Best American Roots Performance category.

Six of the tracks here are originals with The Breeze That Brought Me Home, Wooden Nickel and Betty Brown standing alongside old standards like Scott Joplin's Weeping Willow and At the Jazz Band Ball by the Original Dixieland Jazz Band 1917. Old time vaudeville and a heady mix of good time tunes

- *Paul McGee*