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In this anthology, virtuoso trombonist Joseph Alessi invites us on a journey close to his heart and to his roots: the rich world of Italian melody. With arrangements spanning from café ensemble to swing band, Alessi performs works expressly written for him, and expands our experience of some of the most enduring and beloved songs and arias of the Italian songbook.

RETURN TO SORRENTO

Italian Songs arranged for Trombone

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| 1 | ERNESTO DECURTIS: Return to Sorrento ³ | 3:52 |
| 2 | EDUARDO DI CAPUA: Maria Mari ³ | 1:58 |
| 3 | PAOLO TOSTI: Mare chiar ³ | 2:07 |
| 4 | GIACOMO PUCCINI: Nessun dorma ¹ | 3:05 |
| 5 | GIACOMO PUCCINI: Un bel di ¹ | 4:29 |
| 6 | GIOACCHINO ROSSINI: La danza ⁴ | 2:56 |
| 7 | GIOACCHINO ROSSINI: Overture to The Barber of Seville ¹ | 7:24 |
| 8 | GIACOMO PUCCINI: Quando m'en vo ³ | 2:41 |
| 9 | GIACOMO PUCCINI: O mio babbino caro ² | 4:11 |
| 10 | GIUSEPPI VERDI: Brindisi ¹ | 4:01 |
| 11 | NICOLA FERRO: Daybreak ¹ | 4:04 |
| 12 | NICOLA FERRO: Sunset ¹ | 4:31 |
| 13 | LUIGI DENZA: Variations on Napoli ⁵ | 7:07 |
| 14 | DOMENICO MODUGNO: Volare ⁶ | 6:24 |
| 15 | HARRY WARREN: That's Amore ⁶ | 4:38 |
| 16 | RENATO RASCEL: Arrivederci Roma ⁶ | 3:37 |

Joseph Alessi, tenor and alto trombones

Warren Jones, piano¹ • Barbara Allen, harp² • Alessi Street Band³

Extension Ensemble Brass Quintet⁴ • Juilliard Trombone Choir, cond. Virginia Allen⁵

Joe's Jersey Jazz Jesters Big Band, cond. Sam Pilafian⁶

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