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### Washington, D.C.-based jazz artist Joshua Rich releases album inspired by childbirth

(Washington, D.C./Robert Sutton) - The unbridled joy and sweet innocence of childbirth can now be found on the keys of a piano. That is, if the fingers playing it belong to jazz pianist Joshua Rich (<http://www.joshuarich.com>). The Washington, D.C.-based musician has just released *Rain*, a collection of evocative piano instrumentals that narrate the arrival of new life. Composed and produced by Rich himself, *Rain* takes a spiritual approach to jazz as the songs are built upon glimmering melodies that speak of a higher power.



Rich, who is self-taught, began his musical career in San Francisco and Los Angeles before relocating to Washington, D.C. However, the path that Rich would take was already embedded in him early on. At the age of 12, Rich had already written his first song. Rich's creative improvisational skills have been compared to Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart and Keith Jarrett. In addition to the piano jazz on *Rain*, Rich has released albums of children's and classic music. A father of three, *Rain* reflects his feelings of being a parent, from the sense of wonder that imbues the opening track, "Sunrise," to how seeing a kid grow up reminds him of his own lost youth on "Recollection."

No words are needed to convey the profoundly felt emotions in *Rain*. "Sunrise" begins with a churchlike glow, detailing the exact moment in time when a baby is introduced to the world. One can hear a child's awakening through Rich's deliriously upbeat and chiming notes. The haunting title track uses rain as a metaphor for the spiritual cleansing of an infant's baptism. The album can be seen as the story of life itself, with the closing "Sunset" looking at adulthood with bright possibilities.

Rich is currently seeking work in scoring films. For now, though, *Rain* provides a most personal and revealing soundtrack.

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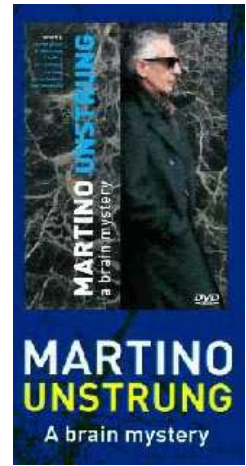
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