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FILE: Jazz/Latin/Vox

ARTIST: GAEA (gay_a) SCHELL

TITLE: In Your Own Sweet Way

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Suggest: 3, 6, 4, 8

TRACKS

1. **Cava dell'Isola** (Quarry of the Island) 5:49
2. **Sweet & Lovely** 3:58
3. **Forio Rain** (Ischia Island Naples, Italy) 5:05
4. **El Picacho** (Peak in Baja) 6:06
5. **It Had to Be You** 5:14
6. **Summer Sea** 4:37
7. **In Your Own Sweet Way** 6:36
8. **Luna Plateada** (silver night) 6:55
9. **Danza Nocturna de Flores** (Night Dance of Flowers) 3:47
10. **Un Sueño de la Noche** (A Night's Dream) 5:48
11. **Perplexity** 5:07

GAEA SCHELL piano, flute, vocals

JORDAN SAMUELS guitar

JOHN WIITALA (wit_tala) bass

GREG WYSER-PRATTE drums

CARLOS (Cuba) CARO congas and percussion(1,4,8)

MARCO DIAZ trumpet and piano (4)

Arranged and produced by GAEA SCHELL

GAEA SCHELL, a multi-instrumentalist, composer, arranger, and vocalist, plays piano and flute on *IN YOUR OWN SWEET WAY*, and she also sings on a couple of tunes. The album consists of **seven Latin-tinged original compositions**, one straight-ahead original, and three fresh takes on songs from the Great American Songbook. *IN YOUR OWN SWEET WAY* follows *For All We Know* (2004) and *After the Rain* (2011).

Jazzpolice.com says, "Schell pulls in the listener with a minimalist approach that shines with interpretative sensibility rather than pure musicality. But unlike other pianist/vocalists who are competent at the keyboard but clearly in their element in song (Diana Krall, Karrin Allyson), Gaea Schell is competent vocally and brilliant as composer/instrumentalist."

It has taken several years for Schell to get back into the studio for her own recording, but that is because she has been so busy backing the likes of Nancy King, John Stowell, Albert 'Tootie' Heath, Clare Fischer Big Band, Tony Dumas, Marcus Shelby, Bobby Watson, and Earl Palmer, among others.

Schell's piano playing is subtle and swinging, and her flute playing is influenced by traditional Cuban flutists, while her soft voice has been compared to a Brazilian white-sand beach at sunrise.

Inspired by nature and shaded with gentle Brazilian rhythms and classical hues, Gaea Schell's music is redolent with moonlight and romance.

With her steadfast grooves and elegant expressiveness, *IN YOUR OWN SWEET WAY* is a highly engaging album.

Recorded live (except trumpet overdub on 4 and flute solo on 3) December 11 & 13, 2022.

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