

## DIGITAL DOWNLOAD ALBUM REVIEW

**ARTIST:** Dario Chiazzolino and Nico Di Battista

**TITLE:** Rewriting Songs

**LABEL:** Gruppo



**TUNES:** Maniac, W la mamma, Scrivimi, Estate, Parlami d'amore Mariù, La bambola, Generale, Per un' ora d' amore, Settimana un giorno, Ancora

**PERSONNEL:** Dario Chiazzolino and Nico Di Battista gtr  
Recorded in 2014

**This is my first listen to these masterful guitarists from Italy - & I've no doubt it won't be my last. Does it**

**take you "out there"? Most definitely! Is it "out music"? Not at all, in fact their duo strings on "Settimana un giorno" is some of the most accessible & pleasant guitar jazz I've heard (yet) this year, without getting into the dreaded "smoove jazz" territory. If you're inclined towards a more laid-back groove, you'll love "Generale"... these two players are magic together, and I've no doubt you will be spinning this track (& others like it) over and over again. If they have a "Delta" area in Italy, the track titled "Estate" would fit right in there... attractive and intriguing at the same time. It was the ghostlike undercurrents of rhythm in the opener, "Maniac", that**

won my vote for personal favorite of the ten tracks offered up... their talent and love of playing together just shines on this tune. If you're looking for Sharrock-like wildness, you'll go elsewhere, but if you understand that the "pacing" and use of silences is just as important as 1000-note sambas, you'll certainly agree when I declare this release **MOST HIGHLY RECOMMENDED; "EQ" (energy quotient) rating is 4.99.**

Dick Metcalf

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