



# Guy Van Duser & Billy Novick

RECORD REVIEW

Guy Van Duser and Billy Novick  
**Lovely Sunday Afternoon**  
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This CD takes its name from a Guy Van Duser original tune and conjures the feelings its title suggests -- placidity and repose. Lest you think I'm damning with faint praise, I mean these terms literally: This CD captures and conveys a mood through the plaintive chemistry of the pairing of Van Duser on acoustic guitar and Novick on clarinet. The tunes are a mix of traditional and original arranged by the musicians, but the reserve of the playing makes each one boil very, very slowly. "New Orleans Farewell" had me hanging on each small gesture -- and there are many of them -- drawing me in, seducing me. This is infectious music, not in any showy way, but rather through its slow-rolling nature. The sound is naturally detailed, the clarinet and plucked guitar strings displaying lots of clarity but not even a hint of aggression. Anything less would kill the effect of the music. If you need more simplicity and quietude in your musical life, this disc is your ticket....