



▲ Special-Effects Singer: JD Walter

## "It Never Entered My Mind"

JD Walter

*Live in Portugal, Vol. 1* (Wal, 2009)

JD Walter is a wizard of both electronically and naturally produced special vocal effects. It seems to me that Walter is doing the kind of work Bobby McFerrin might be doing now, had he been interested in individually produced, electronically enhanced vocal harmony rather than acoustic choral collaborations.

I have an "archival" recording of Walter doing this arrangement in a live setting—effects and all—as he opened a concert that included a long line of accomplished New York-based singers. On listening, I find myself envying none of them in the task of following the JD Walter juggernaut. Oh, and he is equally burning in an acoustic setting.

## "Sunny Sunday"

Theo Bleckmann/Ben Monder

*At Night* (Songlines, 2007)

Speaking of vocal effects, I must also recommend Theo Bleck-

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