

# What the Critics Say....

This suite by Eric Stern based on Sondheim's classic musical is a winner. Violinist William Terwilliger and pianist Andrew Cooperstock have a ball with the familiar tunes, which are perfectly suited to this intimate chamber setting.

# **BBC Music Magazine**

Terwilliger and Cooperstock play all the songs with sensitivity and the appropriate lightness. This is very enjoyable. The sound is excellent.

#### **American Record Guide**

Violinist William Terwilliger's full-bodied playing brings out its expressionist undertones and his impeccably intoned high phrases are spellbinding. The playing by the duo Opus Two is stunning. The pianist, Andrew Cooperstock's resonant tone and well-balanced textures are a pleasure. The recording quality is first-class.

#### Positive Feedback

Superb quality. An absolute delight!

#### The Whole Note

This recording of Eric Stern's evocative suite is a timely and eloquent tribute to a unique, irreplaceable genius. Stern's imagination and skill capture the charm and flair of each song in this world premiere recording.

## **New Classics**

Terwilliger and Cooperstock play with an incredible chemistry here, where they pay much attention to rhythm and meticulous dynamics between the strings and keys, effectively illuminating Sondheim's vision with a radiance that certainly does justice to the classic musical.

## Take Effect

The performance here by violinist William Terwilliger and pianist Andrew Cooperstock, who partner as the duo Opus Two, fits the bill by being suave, musical, and respectful of Sondheim's cultivated style.

## **Fanfare Magazine**

The arrangement is just as dreamy and sophisticated as the music.

### Stage and Cinema

In this Sondheim suite, Stern explores the many expressive possibilities of the violin and piano, forging an exquisite partnership that is at once orchestral and intimate, allowing both instruments to sing and dance. It is short and sweet and goes to show off Sondheim's brilliance even when stripped of lyrics. A must for all Sondheim fans out there – and fans of piano and violin duets!

#### **Musical Theater Review**

Terwilliger and Cooperstock worked flawlessly together, while also spotlighting their individual mastery of the complex compositions and richness of the scores. Opus Two's exquisite performance of A Little Night Music delivers an affecting synthesis of the classic chamber and Broadway traditions.

## **DC** Metro Theater Arts

The arrangements done by Eric Stern have a haunting other worldly feel and as you listen you feel like you have been dropped into another century where life was romantic and lush.

## Time Square Chronicles

A pleasure....Opus Two has well established its unconventional approach, with special attention to genres other than the standard 'classical' repertoire. Ably played by Mr. Cooperstock, Mr. Stern kept Mr. Terwilliger quite busy with difficult figurations which were met with aplomb. The Duo's recordings are refined. Good listening, fun arrangements some extravagantly virtuosic by Mr. Stern.

#### New York Concert Review

Love it - my favorite album of the year

KALM Radio / Open Air

I love this! Fantastic! I am a Sondheim fanatic, so this is getting great airtime.

WMNR Radio - Monroe, Connecticut

Nice - charming!

WFMT Radio - Chicago, Illinios

Fantastic new release!

WVIK Radio – Rock Island, Illinios

I liked it!

**WUCX Radio – Bay City, Michigan** 

Love it!

WSCS Radio – New London, New Hampshire

**Brilliant!** 

WBAI Radio – New York, New York

Lovely and timely. Beautiful playing.

WCPE Radio – Wake Forest, North Carolina

Love it! Featuring!

WGUC Radio - Cincinnati, Ohio

Love it!!!

**KMRY Radio - Iowa** 

A very timely release.

# Winnepeg's Classic 107 Radio

Fantastic! Everything related to Sondheim is solid gold.

**ESPN Radio – Tennessee** 

Playing on my show.

**WORT – Madison, Wisconsin** 

Fantastic..love Sondheim...A fresh new arrangement!

WUOT Radio - Knoxville, Tennessee

I love A Little Night Music

WSKG Radio – Binghamton, New York

This fits nicely into our programming.

Fine Music Sydney - Sydney, Austrailia

Smashing!

RTE - Dublin, Ireland

Sparkling music, a lovely release.

**Harmonious World Podcast** 

A lovely recording and I am enjoying it enormously.

Bradley Stoke Radio – Bristol, United Kingdom

A must have!

North Cotswold Community Radio, North Cotswold, United Kingdom

Sounds beautiful.

**Laurence Vittes**