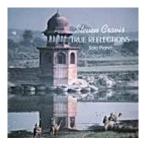
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really started to go well for me when radio stations WGBH and WMJX began playing my music."To promote his new release, Steven played several well received concerts, including a benefit performance for The Muscular Dystrophy Association at Boston's historic Faneuil Hall. Steven found the healing effect of his music to be equally effective in a live setting. Given the cinematic quality of his music, it is not surprising that Steven is frequently asked to do film work. In the summer of 1994, Steven contributed the poignant ballad, "Is It True", to the Indian feature film, BOLLYWOOD, from Soni-Khan Productions. The film was singled out for recognition on the film festival circuit in both New York and Los Angeles. In the winter of 1995, Steven released his latest work, THE SOUND OF LIGHT. The intriguing title reflects Steven's continuing interest in spiritual exploration. "In certain cultures, it is said that by chanting specific sounds, one gains access to the dreamworld as sound is translated into light. "Musically speaking, THE SOUND OF LIGHT is another success, a further refinement of Steven's unique style. Since its release, Steven has continued to perform, attempting to bring the healing power of his music to others around the world willing to share his journey. By K. Hauptman/April, 1999 CD REVIEW by Kathy Parsons/Solo Piano Publications Steven Cravis' debut CD is very appropriately titled "True Reflections". A beautiful series of reflective and introspective piano solos, these pieces are both intensely personal and easily accessible. Cravis attended The Berklee School of Music and has supported himself as a Yoga instructor. His understanding of music and the human spirit are a wonderful union, and he has stated that his goal with his music is to take people to the relaxing state he has come to know through yoga and meditation. Some of the music on "True Reflections" is darker and perhaps deeper than several of the pieces on Cravis' later "The Sound of Light". "True Reflections" seems more improvised and less structured, and I really enjoy the freedom of pieces like "Earth Journey", a longer piece (almost seven minutes) that meanders where it will at a peacefully lazy pace. The title track is a wonderful, moody piece, full of questions as well as poignant memories. This piece also sounds mostly improvised over a basic structure. "Father" is very sad and deeply personal - possibly composed during or after a family crisis. I also really like "Heart of Hearts" - again questioning and reflective with a lovely flow. "True Reflections" is an excellent solo piano album, and I highly recommend it.

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