

Mp3 Michemalou - Snow On Snow



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A very unusual collection of seasonal music from many different European countries, dating from the 14th century right up to 2004, performed on harps, guitars, bass guitar, bodhran, and other instruments by a group with multi-national line-up. 14 MP3 Songs FOLK: Traditional Folk, WORLD: Celtic Details: "Snow on Snow" is MicheMalou's third CD and was released in November, 2004. It contains a very interesting collection of seasonal tunes ranging from the 14th century German carol "Susani" to Marie-Louise's 2004 composition "Ice Palace". Listen out for the 16th century English tune "To Drive the Cold Winter Away". On this site you will only hear the first two minutes of this song, which constitutes little more than the introduction. After the introduction there is a vocal section with electric harp solo and a group of carol singers complete the song which lasts over 5 minutes. The instrumentation on "Susani" is particularly interesting because it combines a Grand Concert Pedal Harp with a Bowed Psaltry and a Fender Stratocaster guitar. A very unusual version of "What Child Is This?" (a tune based on the old English "Greensleeves", reputedly written in the 16th century by Henry the VIIIth) appears here, sung by Michele over the backing of 'massed' Bodhrans by Gavin with a Native American Flute solo from Marie-Louise. The arrangement of "Silent Night" is also of great interest because it combines the original German text with the English translation in a very unique way. This is probably the most famous Christmas song of all. The melody was written by Franz Xaver Gruber on Christmas Eve 1818, combining text written two years previously as a poem by Joseph Moor. It was first performed in the St. Nikolaus Church in Oberndorf, Austria, on the very same day it was composed. We could go through every track but perhaps it's best if you just take a listen... MicheMalou started recording this album in October 2003, with the intent of finishing recording during the Christmas/New Year period of 2003/2004 but this turned out to be an over-optimistic goal. They actually finished the CD in October of 2004. It is not easy

recording Christmas songs or tunes in the Texas summer heat! The line-up of MicheMalou for this CD was the same as for their "Otherwhere Otherwhen" CD from 2002: Marie-Louise Norton: Harps/Vocals/Native American Flute Michele Cook: Harps/Vocals/Bowed Psaltry Colin Norton: Acoustic Guitars/Electric Guitars/Bass Guitars/Tambourine Gavin Norton: Bodhran/Vocals We hope that you enjoy the music!

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