

## Mp3 Richard Carr - Christmas Fireside



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Romantic new age/contemporary instrumental acoustic piano compositions created to ease the soul, mind body. 17 MP3 Songs NEW AGE: New Age, CLASSICAL: Contemporary Details: Composer/pianist Richard Carr, native of St. Louis, Missouri, is a new resident of the Portland, OR area, having recently moved from the French Quarter of New Orleans, where he had been, performing 4-7 nights a week exclusively for the past six years. He brings with him a catalog of six releases (all having been charted on the New Age Voice Top 100), five of which will be available nationally in the early part of 2002. Richard presents his own romantic blend of classical, jazz, and pop resulting in a rich new age/comtemporary instrumental style for acoustic piano which relaxes the mind, body, and soul of the listeners. Adding further interest to the creation of the music, most tracks on Richard's recordings are first-time improvisation pieces. These are never altered or edited in any way, but preserved in their original form to maintain the integrity of the moment. Carr's improvisational composition style is full of melodic lines and rich harmonies indicative of the classical influences of the American, Russian and French composers of the late nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Additionally, more modern influences as diverse as Mannheim Steamroller, Tangerine Dream, John Adams, Keith Jarrett, Cole Porter, Steve Reich, George Winston, and George Gershwin are also evident. The Artist's Notes on Christmas Fireside: "Thinking of Christmas brings fond memories of family gatherings and the bringing together of loved ones who are apart the rest of the year. While growing up, my dad's side of the family would all go to my Grandma's upstairs apartment for Christmas Eve dinner. This couldn't have been an easy undertaking for Grandma, since the family at that time consisted of her own three children and their spouses, and 12 grandchildren (Grandma now has 30+ great-grandchildren!) but the place was always filled with lots of love. I can still see the piles of presents everywhere, and Grandma's silver Christmas tree that slowly turned, with the

spinning color wheel providing a light show. That will always be Grandma's tree. We still talk of the impromptu Christmas pageants the kids would put together and our fathers all falling asleep in a chair after dinner and the games in the hall. These are the kind of memories evoked when I think of Christmas. I know I have been blessed with such memories and I wouldn't trade them for the world. It is my wish that this selection of holiday music can, in some way, help to make new memories for everyone. Along with the traditional holiday carols on this release, I have included three of my own original compositions. As with all my recordings to date, these were improvisations, unaltered in any way from their original recorded form. I wish you joy in your heart, peace in your corner of the world, and good fortune in the coming years. With that, I am happy to present my holiday gift to you, Christmas Fireside. It is my wish that it helps to bring the holiday spirit to all who hear it."

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