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own full service production company. Registered in 1997, ASP encompasses Far Blue Music, a publishing company, August Son Productions, the record label, and August Son Films, a film production company. In 1999, Midnight Conversation sold out its initial pressing. Born August 28, 1972 in Cedar Grove, New Jersey, Ken has always considered the greater New York area his home. After playing in several Atlanta bars and restaurants, he decided to move to New York City in August, 1997 to further his career and exposure. Since the 1997 release of Midnight Conversation, Kens music has received airplay on hundreds of radio stations, websites, satellite music and in-flight audio programs spanning the globe. Midnight Conversation is currently distributed in the United States by The Orchard, DeVorss Company and Follett Audiovisual. Internationally, the following distributors market the CD: Life Now Books Sound (Canada), margen (Spain), Musea (France) and Universal (Philippines). In December, 1999, Musicmine Records released Midnight Conversation in Korea under a licensing agreement. In addition, Hong Kong, Germany and The Netherlands are candidates for distribution in the coming months. In November, 2000, Ken released his second CD of piano solos entitled Revelry. Featuring cover art from world renown pop artist, Romero Britto the CD features twelve new original compositions along with a solo piano rendition of Jimi Hendrixs Little Wing. Like its predecessor, Revelry hit the top 20 charts of over 70 radio stations, as well as the New Age Voice Top 100 Worldwide Airplay Chart for several months. Tracks from Revelry were featured internationally in several documentaries and commercials, as well as on over 40 inflight audio programs. Revelry was listed on noted music reviewer Kathy Parson's Top 10 Piano CD's of 2000. Ken and his wife moved to Los Angeles, California in late 2003, where he released his third CD of solo piano entitled Opal. Part publicity stunt, part for trailblazing online downloadable music, Ken decided to release Opal in its entirety for free at his website kenelkinsonin early 2004. Featuring cover art by Aspen, Colorado based painter Brigitte Center, Opal contained ten introspective tracks that lean more towards jazz than classical. The CD was mastered by Mike Fossenkemper at Turletone Studio in New York City, who has worked with Madonna, Sting and PM Dawn among others. Opal was a tremendous success, and in 2004 it was ranked #93 out of over 3,000 New Age releases in total radio airplay. Thousands of people took advantage and downloaded free tracks from Opal, which as of mid 2006 is still available for free download at kenelkinson.com. In 2005 Ken released a version of Opal with revised artwork which can be purchased through this website as well as at all major retailers and web music stores. In May of 2006 Ken released his fourth CD of solo piano entitled Cue. This time around, Ken decided he wanted to add a

vocal track. Luckily for the fans, Ken will not be doing the singing. The critically acclaimed Tom Freund has lent his vocals as well as his song Beautiful Sadness which Ken re-worked for piano and voice. In addition to Beautiful Sadness, Cue contains 11 original solo piano compositions. Tom has recorded with Ben Harper and Victoria Williams among others and his original music has received accolades from many places including The New York Times, MSNBC, KCRW-FM and the Washington Post. Toms music can be found at tomfreund.com 2008 was a busy year from Ken that first saw the release of digital-only Borrowed Tracks his covers album in July and then Generations of Yuletide his Christmas offering in October. Ken is still shaking things up by working on original film scores, electronic and vocal tracks. He is also finishing the recording and mastering of his seventh CD of solo piano, which will be ready for release in Spring 2009. As always, he is enjoying all the plastic surgery, botox, collagen and abundant sunshine Los Angeles has to offer.

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