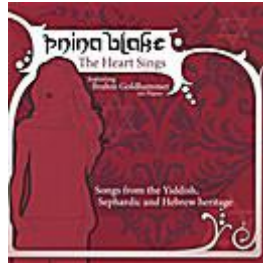


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Luminous singing and creative arrangements combine to create an album of unparalleled Jewish classics. I am donating 10% of my sales here to the Israeli charity 'One Family' (onefamilyfund.org), an organization that provides financial, legal and medical aid to Jewish immigrants in Israel. This album contains 13 MP3 Songs CLASSICAL: Traditional, WORLD: Judaica

Details: My interest in Jewish concert music began long ago as I grew up with the great renditions by Jan Peerce and Robert Merrill. They opened up this world of music that was different from the synagogue, yet connected through its various Jewish characters, some sad, some happy, and always full of life and humour. I never thought of doing my own arrangements and compositions however until I became a cantorial soloist at such congregations as Adath Israel in Toronto and Temple Tikvah in St. Catharines (now B'nai Tikvah in Niagara Falls). I then began to ask myself how I could express what I thought was the essence of Jewish musical traditions. This began a journey which has led to more study with eminent composers such as Srul Irving Glick and then to my settings for 6 Yiddish folk songs, music for services, and even some purely instrumental music. Eventually I felt the need to put some of this into a CD, so that others could access and use this music. You can access all of my music at my website pninablake.com and I will also be putting the piano arrangements and other sheet music on this site. One of the special pleasures of putting together this CD has been my contact with the characters and stories in these songs. Each one tells a most compelling story. The haunting sadness in the lullaby, 'Shlof Mayn Kind' gives way to the carefree attitude of the girl in 'Gey Ikh Mir Spatsieren' and the sly humour in 'Der Filozof'. Love songs such as 'Tu Madre Cuando te Pario' alternate with passionate religious songs such as 'Respondemos' and the innocence and pride of 'El Dio Alto'. And although all this music has Jewish culture and background in common, it is as varied as the countries from which it sprang. Yiddish music with its characteristic lilt gives way to Spanish rhythms and then to Hebrew for the composition for Friday

night's 'L'Cha Dodi'. It was my intention in creating this collection, to help carry on our traditions for a new generation. I am donating 10% of my sales here to the Israeli charity 'One Family' (onefamilyfund.org) , an organization that provides financial, legal and emotional assistance to the survivors of terrorism. I hope my CD helps you appreciate this very living tradition of Jewish music that we are so lucky to have.

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