

# Mp3 Ira Stein - Bach Improvisations



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This album features exciting improvisations on the music of J.S. Bach. The elegant and highly melodic sound of this trio combines the subtleties of classical music with the live energy and interplay of jazz. 9 MP3 Songs CLASSICAL: Contemporary, CLASSICAL: New Age Details: Before he even reached the age of 20, pianist/composer Ira Stein had already signed his first recording contract and released his first album on Windham Hill Records, ELEMENTS (1982). In collaboration with oboist Russel Walder, he went on to record two more albums, TRANSIT (1986) and UNDER THE EYE (1990). The duo toured extensively throughout the United States. In 1991, Stein formed a new group that features the original combination of piano, cello, and soprano saxophone. The new music is a highly melodic acoustic mix where jazz meets classical- a dynamic balance of form and improvisation. The group released CAROUSEL (1992) and then SPUR OF THE MOMENT (1994) on Narada Records. Their most recent recording, BACH IMPROVISATIONS, was recorded live in concert at Yoshi's, an internationally- known jazz club in Oakland, California. This highly original album features lyrical and elegant improvisations on nine Bach Chorales. It was released in 1999 on the Lost Time Records label. All three musicians have extensive backgrounds in both jazz and classical music. On soprano saxophone is Dann Zinn whose professional credits include performances with Freddie Hubbard, Toshiko Akiyoshi, and Joe Henderson. He also has received top prizes at major music festivals. He is also a Professor of Music at Cal State Hayward and UC Berkeley in California. On cello is Joseph Hbert, an accomplished and versatile musician who has played with such artists as Leontyne Price, Carlos Santana, Stevie Wonder, and Natalie Cole, and has appeared with several major symphony orchestras. In addition, Joseph is the Director of Music Ministeries at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Pleasanton, California where Ira is principal accompanist. The three musicians presently live in the San Francisco Bay area.

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