Mp3 Robin Cox Ensemble - Classical: Contemporary



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A strings and percussion chamber group performing the classical, jazz, and avant-garde influenced music of Robin Cox. 10 MP3 Songs CLASSICAL: Contemporary, JAZZ: Weird Jazz Details: The first recording of The Robin Cox Ensemble from 2000. Ten original works for what was previously unchartered territory -a quartet of two mallet percussionists and two string players. Equally unique is the three included tracks featuring hand drumming in combination with the strings and mallets ...a one-of-a-kind recording. Reviews: The Robin Cox Ensemble is an interesting and accessible quartet featuring the unique, and surprisingly satisfying combination of marimba, hand drums, and cello. Hear them on a fine 2000 CD, in which aspects of jazz, world music, and even pinches of the Frank Zappa-esque can be discerned. They also surf post minimalist turf, with undulating phrases la Steve Reich. The music is smart, but also warm to the ears..." -Josef Woodard, Santa Barbara Independent "The combination of two string instruments and percussion is guite unique in that the potential for interesting sounds is unlimited. Because of the timbre differences of the strings and the percussion instruments, they never get in each other's way. ...Cox takes full advantage of these differences and has composed music full of energy, interesting sounds, and rhythmic intensity. ... All the musicians are excellent on their instruments, and Cox is a fine composer." -John Beck, Percussive Notes "The use of percussion can't help but draw up images of Tom Waits at times, particularly with mallet instrument ostinati. This music is well written, impeccably performed, and varied in mood and timbre." - Creative New Music Best of 2000 Recordings List - Pushing the Envelope/ WHUS Radio

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