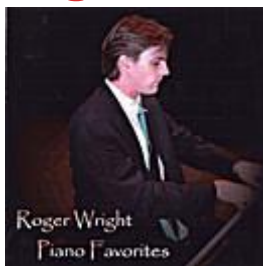


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CLASSICAL: Traditional, CLASSICAL: Contemporary Details: Those who have heard pianist Roger Wrights live recordings on CD or been fortunate to attend one of his concerts, know why he is called a phenomenal pianist. Certainly, he impresses listeners with his commanding technique, his sensitivity to piano sound, and for his astute musical intelligence. Yet, what sets him apart is his extraordinary ability to communicate with audiences in a manner that is as exciting as it is fresh. A native Texan, Wright has performed to critical acclaim in the United States and abroad. His recitals have brought him to the major music centers, including Washington, D.C., Chicago, New York, Los Angeles, San Diego, Fort Worth, Houston, Sydney, Munich, Berlin, Pretoria and Dublin, to name a few. His performances have been broadcast on ABC Australia, CBC Radio Canada, 105.1 K-Mozart in Los Angeles, WFMT-FM Chicago, WQXR in New York City, and on David Dubal's celebrated series "Reflections from the Keyboard." Recent performances include the Strauss Violin Sonata in E-flat Major and the Brahms Piano Quintet in F Minor with Camerata San Antonio, Beethovens Emperor with the Mission Chamber Orchestra in San Jose, California, and two performances of Beethovens 4th Concerto with the Glacier Symphony in Kalispell and Libby, Montana. Wright gained international attention when he won the 24th Frinna Awerbuch International Piano Competition in New York City, which led to his debut at Carnegies Weill Recital Hall. His international reputation was further enhanced when he was eliminated from the 2000 Sydney International Piano Competition of Australia. The decision of the jury precipitated mass protests from listeners who followed the competition via national radio broadcast and worldwide web cast. In response to this unprecedented outpouring of support, the ABC, principal sponsor of the competition, marketed a debut recording of Wrights performances at the competition. Neville Cohn, music critic for The

West Australian [January 2001], penned the CD of the year, in my view, is a recently released ABC Classics recording of pianist Roger Wright. His recording of Between Five Bells from this CD earned composer Peter Sculthorpe the Australian Performing Rights Associations (APRA) Award for the Most Performed Contemporary Classical Composition of 2001. He was a finalist at the 3rd Esther Honens International Piano Competition in Canada and one of the 30 competitors selected for the 2001 Van Cliburn International Piano Competition in Fort Worth, where he was an audience favorite. In 2003, Wright was gold medal winner of the San Antonio International Piano Competition and winner of the awards for Best Performance of the Commissioned Piece and Best Performance of a Romantic Work. A versatile performer, Wright savors the opportunity to play with chamber groups and ensembles and collaborates frequently with Camerata San Antonio, a group comprised of outstanding string players from the San Antonio Symphony. He has toured with the acclaimed Comedian Harmonists, Hudson Shad, and appeared with them for Wall to Wall Stephen Sondheim, a gala event in New York City, celebrating the 75th birthday of the famed Broadway composer, who was in attendance. In 2003, the group filmed a documentary for PBS on the history of the Comedian Harmonists. Wright enjoys meeting and interacting with children and young performers. At present, he spends some of his time as accompanist/music director for Kids on Stage, a highly acclaimed theater arts company in Santa Monica for children 4 to 16 years of age, and includes children with special needs. Mr. Wright is a serious Scrabble player and was winner of the 2004 National Scrabble Championship, a five-day tournament held in New Orleans and televised by ESPN. As the Champion, he was featured on CNN and appeared on The Today Show, CBS Sunday Morning and The Jimmy Kimmel Show. Roger Wright resides in Los Angeles where he enjoys performing, teaching, collaborating and composing his own music. wright-sounds.com.

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