

Mp3 Vox Angelica - Chants Of Heaven And Earth



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The timeless transcendent beauty of the 12th century chants of the mystic Hildegard von Bingen sung by the exquisite voices of three women with added vocal innovations within the medieval style. 21 MP3 Songs

WORLD: World Traditions, **CLASSICAL:** Traditional Details: Vox Angelica, a medieval chant trio, specializes in the music of the 12th century mystic, Hildegard von Bingen, whose chants were inspired by her visions and whose melodies were said to have come from what she heard in the celestial spheres. Hildegard's life as an abbess, prophetess, visionary, healer, and composer speaks to the connection to the divine in all of us. Vox Angelica was formed in 1999 by like-minded, professionally trained singers who wanted to explore the impact of chant in their lives and to offer chant to the modern day listener. Since then, Vox Angelica has created many concerts of chant, sometimes enhanced by liturgical dance and inspired readings. The singers bring expertise to the singing of Hildegard von Bingen's complex music as well as a deep affection for the medieval mystic herself. They have researched and studied the life and times of Hildegard and strive to maintain the integrity of the chant style as she would have envisioned it. At the same time, they engage the modern listener with vocal innovations, including textural changes, drones, early vocal music polyphony. Their arrangements can be lively, mysterious, haunting, and even daring, but always inspired by Hildegard's inspiration that singing is a sacred act. In 2000, Vox Angelica became Artists-in-Residence at the newly renovated Cathedral of St. Andrew in Grand Rapids, Michigan. The CD was recorded at St. Andrew's acoustically spacious space which along with the exquisite singing of the trio gives an otherworldly transcendence to the music. Vox Angelica is Gwendolyn Faasen, Carol Sahakian Grady, and Barbara Witham McCargar.

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