

Mp3 Barbara Higbie - Variations On A Happy Ending



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Singer/songwriter and longtime Windham Hill Recording Artist, "Variations on a Happy Ending", is a return to Barbara Higbie's instrumental music roots. 11 MP3 Songs NEW AGE: New Age, JAZZ: Smooth Jazz Details: A longtime Windham Hill recording artist now recording for Slowbaby Records, Barbara is a multi-instrumentalist, singer-songwriter and championship fiddle player as well as a pianist and composer. She is known for her work as co-founder of the acoustic super-group Montreux, for her two award winning solo vocal recordings, Signs of Life and I Surrender and her two duet releases with singer Teresa Trull, Unexpected and Playtime. In addition, Higbie has played on more than 45 albums, recently recording with Bonnie Raitt on Rosalee Sorrel's tribute CD to Malvina Reynolds. She has performed in contexts that range from the Kronos Quartet and Terry Riley to Ferron, Holly Near and David Grisman. Michigan-born and Indiana-bred, Higbie studied classical piano as a child and at age 13 moved with her family to Ghana, West Africa. As a teen-ager in Ghana, she was immersed in a vibrant cultural milieu a world away from small town Indiana. She studied with African master drummer Mustafa Tetty Addy , absorbed the lively Highlife music scene in Accra and traveled widely. After formal studies including a degree from Mills College in Oakland, and an interlude in France at the Sorbonne, Higbie returned to Africa on a Watson Fellowship to collect traditional indigenous music. But it was while at the Sorbonne, playing on the streets of Paris that Higbie felt her calling as musician. It was also on the streets of Paris that she met her first serious musical collaborator, violinist Darol Anger. Back in the states in the early 1980s, Higbie launched her professional music career in the San Francisco Bay Area, part of the burgeoning New Acoustic Music scene with Anger, Mike Marshall, Todd Phillips, David Balakrishnan, Rob Wasserman and others. In 1982 she and violinist Anger recorded their critically acclaimed duet album, Tideline, for Windham Hill Records. The next year, Higbie and Teresa Trull released the stunning Unexpected, named one of the ten best

albums of the year by the Boston Globe. For most of the '80s, Higbie recorded and toured with Montreux, the popular and eclectic acoustic group born at the Montreux Jazz Festival in Switzerland and featuring such members as Anger, Phillips, Marshall, Andy Narell, and Michael Manning. Over the course of three Windham Hill albums, Montreux earned a Bay Area Music Award (Bammie) and one of Barbara's compositions won a Grammy nomination. She stepped out as a singer-songwriter with her 1990 solo debut *Signs of Life* (Windham Hill) named one of the ten best albums of the year by the Washington Post. With the release of *I Surrender*, Higbie toured nationally with pianists Liz Story and Margie Adam as the Three of Hearts. In 1998, she and Teresa Trull released a second duo album titled *Playtime* receiving a GLAMA Award and Performing Songwriter's Top 12 Indy list and completed a 70 city tour. Barbara is currently writing music for a third duo release with Trull to be recorded in 2003. She will be touring the U.S and in Italy. In April 2002 she and husband Wayne had a baby girl named Lena.

DISCOGRAPHY

VARIATIONS ON A HAPPY ENDING (Slowbaby 2214) Original Solo Piano 2000 PLAYTIME (Slowbaby2212) Barbara Higbie and Teresa Trull 1998 original songs - - GLAMA Award Winner I SURRENDER (Slowbaby 2211) Original Songs and Instrumental selections 1996 - Performing Songwriter Award Winner SIGNS OF LIFE (Windham Hill 1090) First solo album/ Original songs ensemble 1990 - Washington Post award Winner MONTREUX: LET THEM SAY (Windham Hill) ensemble MONTREUX: SIGN LANGUAGE (Windham Hill) Contains Hit "TO BE" 1986 Grammy Award Nominee LIVE AT MONTREUX Darol Anger/Barbara Higbie Quintet (Windham Hill) 1984- classic group album- Bammy Award 1984 UNEXPECTED Teresa Trull/ Barbara Higbie (Olivia) original vocal duets 1983 Boston Globe Award Winner TIDELINE Piano/violin duets with Darol Anger (Windham Hill 1021) a genre defining album 1982 MONTREUX RETROSPECTIVE (Windham Hill) Greatest Hits 1992 A WINDHAM HILL CHRISTMAS Nov 2002 Solo selection on compilation SONG WITHOUT WORDS II Jan 2002 Solo selection on compilation WINTER SOLSTICE II, III, IV and V,VII,VIII Solo selection on compilations WINDHAM HILL PIANO SAMPLER II Solo selection on compilation WINDHAM HILL THE FIRST 10 YEARS Band selection on compilation WINDHAM HILL REDBOOK LULLABIES Duet selection on compilation CELTIC LULLABIES II (Hearts of Space) Solo selection on compilation Barbara Higbie also appears on albums by: Ferron, Rosalee Sorrells, Nina Gerber, Jaron Lanier, Cris Williamson, Darol Anger, Laurie Lewis, Holly Near, Christina Olsen, BlueJean Tyranny, Katrina Krinsky, Phillip Aaberg, Robin Flower, Carol McComb, Karen Almquist, Jennifer Berezan, Margie Adam, Meg Christian and many

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