## **Mp3 Linda Shumas - Voices From The Cloisters**



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Offering works of haunting beauty, a wide tapestry of beautiful melodic music, rich in inventive harmonies and emotional expression, this recording displays pianist/composer Shumas's astonishing power and sensitivity at the keyboard. 16 MP3 Songs in this album (66:21)! Related styles: CLASSICAL: Contemporary, CLASSICAL: Piano solo Details: Voices from the Cloisters is the debut CD from Canadian composer/pianist Linda Shumas. Featuring 16 original piano compositions by Linda Shumas, Voices from the Cloisters is a wide tapestry of beautiful melodic music, rich in inventive harmonies and emotional expression. Performed by the composer, Voices from the Cloisters offers works of haunting beauty - the tender mood of "Positive Force", the dark tones of "Woods Music", the mystery of "Nocturne" all show Linda Shumas to be a composer and performer of originality and imagination, writing music that is meaningful and relevant to our times. Although primarily a solo piano CD, Voices from the Cloisters also features two special compositions - "Lotus Sandals" for Violin piano, and the beautiful "Lullabye for Jessye Norman" for Soprano piano. Linda Shumas has received great acclaim for her music - in 1978 she was awarded the Jean Coulthard Prize for Composition; in 1994 her music was the featured centerpiece of and award winning film by Paul Lee which was premiered at the Berlin Film Festival and later at the Barcelona Film Festival and New York Film Festivals. A superb pianist, Linda Shumas is one of the few composers today who perform their own music. As a performer, Linda Shumas has performed across North America at many high profile venues such as Toronto's Roy Thomson Hall, the Bohemian Embassy and others. Voices from the Cloisters is a wonderful collection of original music from a talented and exciting Canadian composer. "...recommended as much for its warmth and comfort as for its shimmery post impressionism...accessible, appealling, substantial...this and the Marion McPartland are the best new solo piano albums, so far this year." FANFARE MAGAZINE

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