



new release information



artist: Andrea Lucchesini, piano
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about the release

Andrea Lucchesini, associated as no other with the piano works of Luciano Berio, presents the most comprehensive collection of the great Italian composer's solo keyboard oeuvre, including the seminal *Sequenza IV*, the monumental *Sonata*, and two works written specially for him. Berio first heard Lucchesini in the 1980s and, captivated by his "pure" pianism, asked him to perform his *Concerto II* at the Proms in London. From that point their association flourished, Lucchesini continued to add Berio's works to his repertoire, and gave the world-premiere of the *Sonata* in 2001. Working relationship turned to friendship and on the occasion of Lucchesini's marriage, Berio presented to him and his wife Valentina *Touch*, a divertimento for piano four hands. On the same occasion Berio offered another duet as a gift to Valentina's parents, *Canzonetta*. Valentina joins her husband in both works on this CD. The comprehensiveness of this album is complemented by the booklet annotation, including a personal note by Lucchesini, a note by Berio on his *Sonata*, a note by the *Sonata*'s dedicatee Reinhold Brinkmann, and a note of appreciation by Berio's widow, Talia. All in all, a unique document of an exceptional collaboration and remarkable friendship.

critical acclaim for Andrea Lucchesini

"... Berio's Piano Sonata, played with crystalline clarity and unswerving control by Andrea Lucchesini. The evening before, he had given an equally illuminating recital, in which he interspersed Berio piano miniatures, with their innovative sonic games, with the fluid runs and rhythms of five Scarlatti sonatas." – *Daily Telegraph*

"Andrea Lucchesini's account of Berio's Piano Sonata ... conjures up some dusky, mesmerising effects and calls for a virtuosity which Lucchesini provided. He wove rich textures around the repeated note which binds the whole piece together so insistently." – *The Times*

summary

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track listing

Luciano Berio (1925 – 2003)

1. *Sonata per pianoforte solo* (2001) **23.18**
- Six Encores* **12.50**
2. Brin (1990) 1.47
3. Leaf (1990) 1.23
4. Wasserklavier (1964) 2.02
5. Erdenklavier (1969) 1.17
6. Luftklavier (1985) 3.17
7. Feuerklavier (1989) 3.02

8. *Rounds* (1967) **3.54**
9. *Sequenza IV* (1966) **11.02**
10. *Cinque Variazioni* (1952/1953 – revised 1966) **7.43**
11. *Touch* * (Radicondoli, 3 September 1991) **1.47**
12. *Canzonetta* * (Radicondoli, 3 September 1991) **0.51**
- Total Time:** **61.32**

* Piano - 4 hands, unpublished, with Valentina Pagni Lucchesini

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