



artist: Angelika Kirchschrager *mezzo-soprano*
Maurice Lammerts van Bueren *piano*
title: The moon's a gong, hung in the wild:
Songs by Jake Heggie
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about the release

American composer **Jake Heggie** has penned some of the most beautiful vocal music of our day, and his operas and songs have been championed by some of today's foremost artists, including Joyce di Donato, Susan Graham and Frederica von Stade on the acclaimed AVIE release, *Passing By* (AV 2198). On *The moon's a gong, hung in the wild*, Grammy-nominated Austrian mezzo-soprano **Angelika Kirchschrager** is joined by the great

Dutch *lieder* pianist **Maurice Lammerts van Bueren**, a devotee of Heggie's music who has given numerous premieres of the composer's work. This sublime collection from the song cycles *Statuesque*, *Songs to the Moon*, *The Breaking Waves* and *Folk Songs* is by turns rhapsodic, humorous and nostalgic.

critical acclaim for Jake Heggie, Angelika Kirchschrager and Maurice Lammerts van Bueren

"He sets thoughtfully chosen texts with maximum clarity, in lines which unfold expressively and even thrillingly above sympathetic accompaniments." * * * * *, *BBC Music Magazine Choral & Song Choice* (on *Passing By*, AV 2198)

"Ms. Kirchschrager's richly hued mezzo ... deliver[s] performances so vivid that [she] create[s] an impression of spontaneous communication" – *The New York Times*

"a first-rate collaborative pianist ... an artist who possesses an admirable technique and a deep, natural musicality ... an uncompromising, energetic and determined professional who knows what it is to be inside a song and make it live in the moment - and stay in the heart." – *Jake Heggie, on Maurice Lammerts van Bueren*

summary

The moon's a gong, hung in the wild... is a sublime collection of songs by **Jake Heggie** – by turns rhapsodic, humorous and nostalgic – performed with passion and commitment by two of the composer's most ardent devotees, Austrian mezzo-soprano **Angelika Kirchschrager** and Dutch pianist **Maurice Lammerts van Bueren**.

tracklist

Jake Heggie (b. 1961)

Selections from *Statuesque* (2005)

1. Henry Moore: Reclining Figure of Elmwood (4:03)
2. Picasso: Head of a Woman, 1932 (2:01)
3. Winged Victory: We're Through (5:01)

Songs to the Moon (1998)

4. Once More – To Gloriana (2:13)
5. Euclid (1:37)
6. The Haughty Snail King (3:34)
7. What the Rattlesnake Said (2:06)
8. The Moon's the North-Wind's Cooky (1:28)
9. What the Scarecrow Said (2:09)
10. What the Gray-Winged Fairy Said (1:34)
11. Yet Gentle Will the Griffin Be (2:33)

12. Looking West – Sweet Light from *Winter Roses* (2004) (4:14)

Selections from *The Breaking Waves* (2001)

13. Advent (2:36)
14. Darkness (2:53)
15. Music (3:09)

Folk Songs

16. Barb'ry Allen (1995) (2:54)
17. He's gone away (1995) (2:33)
18. Danny Boy (1999) (3:19)

19. *White in the Moon* (1990) (2:38)

Total time: 52:38

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Lisztzentrum Raiding, Austria
Producer: Guido Tichelman

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