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Ragtime & Blue Elena Kats-Chernin

Sarah Nicolls
piano

Nicola Sweeney
violin

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From one of Australia's leading composers, Elena Kats-Chernin, Signum presents a disc of jazzy piano rags and melancholic musings, with duos for piano and violin of energy, romance and charm, with echoes from Debussy to Shostakovich.

Two highly talented young UK artists - Sarah Nicolls (piano) and Nicola Sweeney (violin) - perform this previously unrecorded repertoire which is immediately appealing, yet has intriguing layers and depths that demand repeat listening.



Elena Kats-Chernin is a composer who defies categorisation and is probably best summed up as a force of nature. Her prodigious imagination has produced a vast body of work, unparalleled in range, drawing from all the musical traditions of the past and present. A virtuosic pianist and improviser, her compositions flow from her like a fountain. This CD is drawn from the small works she often writes for her own enjoyment - a cornucopia of rags, blues and heart-melting melodies.

Her status as one of this country's most prolific and constantly innovative composers remains unchallenged ... Kats-Chernin appears to achieve the impossible, straddling irreconcilable camps of intellectualism and accessibility ..

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