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The Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble

dir. Graham Ashton

THE MUSIC OF JAMES PUGH AND DANIEL SCHNYDER

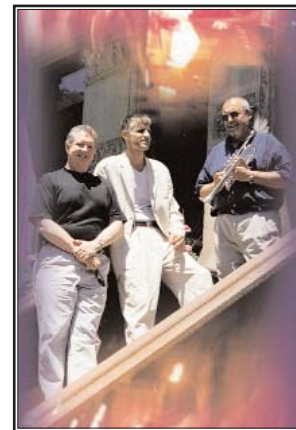
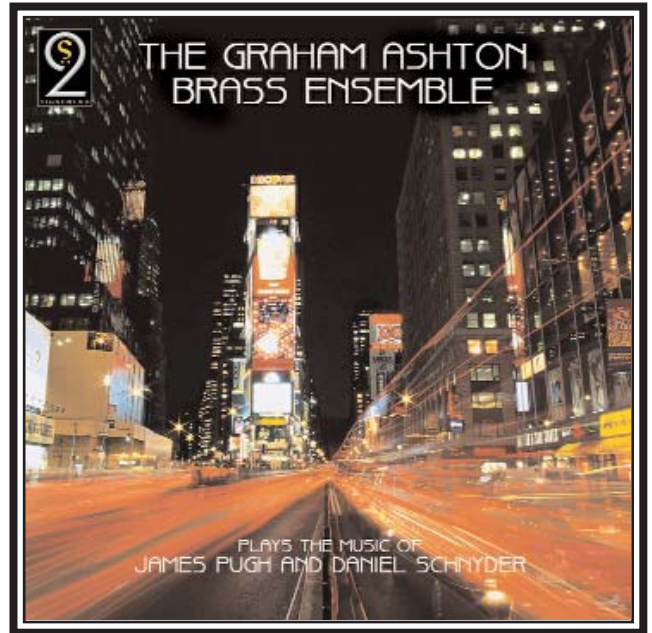
Signum Records are delighted to present this world-class ensemble, led by trumpeter Graham Ashton. This group of talented New Yorkers have performed the works of James Pugh and Daniel Snyder in concerts across the globe.

The relationship between these two composers and the Brass Ensemble has developed far beyond mutual friendship and respect. Since the year 2000, when James Pugh first wrote "And Flights of Angels" for the group, the ensemble have seldom performed a concert without a selection of his and Daniel's music. Both James and Daniel now write many pieces exclusively for these players, and have created a close and successful partnership, both on stage and off.

The world of brass music is relatively under-explored, and James Pugh (Professor of Trombone at Purchase College, State University of New York) and Daniel Snyder (Composer-in-Residence with the Milwaukee Symphony Orchestra) have specialised in a repertoire that is both fun, challenging and extremely versatile.

A champion of brass ensemble music, Graham Ashton reformed the Graham Ashton Brass Ensemble (GABE) upon relocating to New York in 1999. The ensemble quickly made its mark by drawing together an eclectic mix of Manhattan's most distinguished brass players from the Orchestra of the Metropolitan Opera, Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center and American Symphony. GABE made their New York debut in 2000 at the 25th Anniversary conference of the International Trumpet Guild.

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Graham Ashton, James Pugh and Daniel Snyder,

1	And Flights of Angels (Pugh)	[6.36]
2	Trio (Schnyder): Mvt. 1	[5.49]
3	Trio: Mvt. 2	[2.01]
4	Trio: Mvt. 3	[1.57]
5	Trio: Mvt. 4	[1.28]
6	Trio: Mvt. 5	[1.18]
7	Aviations (Pugh): One Good Tern ...	[1.51]
8	Aviations: No Egrets	[3.14]
9	Aviations: Toucan Danse	[3.54]
10	Four Short Stories (Schnyder): Follow Me	[1.03]
11	Four Short Stories: The Opposite is True	[1.10]
12	Four Short Stories: The Matrix	[1.22]
13	Four Short Stories: The Monkfish	[0.36]
14	4x2x1 (Pugh)	[8.38]
15	The Iron Tetrapod (Schnyder)	[3.45]
16	Triad (Pugh)	[6.26]
17	Three American Danos (Schnyder): African Feel	[2.44]
18	Three American Dances: Jazz Feel	[3.25]
19	Three American Dances: Cuban Feel	[3.15]

Total running time: [60.34]

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