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We are in our second autumn season here at Cardiff Music, and take this opportunity to thank our many friends for their support and encouragement. We present here a very abridged list of outstanding current and forthcoming releases - and a handful of the recordings that have most excited each of us during these past twelve months.

Many recordings are at a "special price", and we will honour these prices where possible until the end of the year.

Clearly, we only list here a fraction of our current stock, and we would stress that **we can order any title currently available on CD or DVD**. We aim to mail out same day by first class post if in stock. Out of stock titles usually take 2-3 days to arrive to us. We are occasionally able to find out-of-print titles for our customers from second hand sources around the world.

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Abergavenny Music opened in 1990 as a specialist CD centre, but was swiftly pushed into adding printed music, and more recently we have added a full book ordering service.

Within a few months of opening, James was joined by Kaye Bennett, and four years later by Angela Marshall, who between them now manage the shop, ably assisted by Rosie Evans and by James' father-in-law Michael Thwaites. Kaye's daughter Fiona and Angela's daughter Jenny have both worked with us through their later school years.



Manager Paul Skyrme worked with MVC and Virgin before joining James to set up **Cardiff Music** last year, providing once again an independent centre for Classical recordings in Cardiff. Paul and James have since been joined by Semra Kurutac, whose solo piano career is now blossoming, and Angharad Evans (harp player and teacher). Most recently we have welcomed Huw Gareth Williams (a busy conductor and teacher) and Abigail Dance (post-graduate violinist at WCMD).



Strauss Four Last Songs + other lieder / Isokoski

The early months of 2002 saw a run-away success for the specialist label Ondine, with a glorious Strauss lieder disc from Soile Isokoski, with the Four Last Songs at its heart. The unexpected demand for this CD led to delays immediately after its release as shops throughout the UK scrambled for copies. This is Strauss singing of the highest calibre, seemingly effortless in technique, lightly pointed and full of character, with gloriously inventive and committed orchestral accompaniment. Our record of the year!

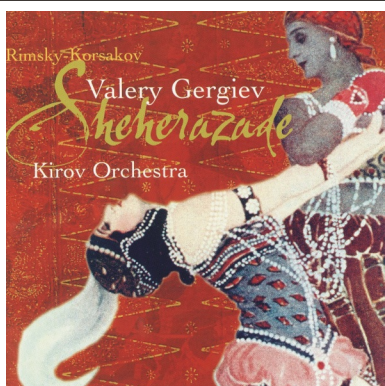
“Although her repertoire is constantly expanding, Isokoski is a born Mozart/Strauss soprano. This is a very great treat for Strauss lovers.” Stephen Pruslin, International Record Review)

“A voice of great flexibility, beauty and consistency, but it also has that lovely warm “purr” that made Schwarzkopf's voice so memorable.” (Gramophone)

ODE9822 £12.99

also available from Soile Isokoski:

Soile Isokoski: Finnish Songs ODE9632 £12.99
 Wolf Italienisches Liederbuch ODE9982 £12.99



Gergiev Sheherazade

4708402 £12.99*

"This disc is as committed a performance as you could wish to hear of "Sheherazade". Gergiev and his beloved Kirov orchestra give us a revelatory interpretation which shuns histrionics and empty virtuosity in favour of presenting the work as a uniform whole. Gergiev allows each phrase time to breathe and shapes each line lovingly. If you are a fan of this work then this is a must-have, up there alongside Beecham and Karajan. If this is not your favourite work then if any recording is going to change your mind then Gergiev is probably your man."

Huw Gareth Williams (Cardiff Music)

"This is the most exciting, most red-blooded account of Rimsky-Korsakov's orchestral warhorse that I know, with a fullness and brilliance of sound never heard in Russian recordings before"

Edward Greenfield (The Guardian)

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Diana Krall "live at Paris"

CD Number £12.99*

Previous recordings:

The Look of Love

All for You

Love Scenes

When I look in your Eyes

Only Trust the Heart

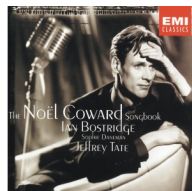
£14.99 each
or any 2 for £25.00



Mahler Sym 5 Rattle / BPO

5573852 £12.99*

Taken live from Rattle's inaugural concert in Berlin. "There are many outstanding versions of Mahler's Fifth Symphony, but this is one of the finest." *Edward Greenfield (The Guardian)*



Ian Bostridge sings Coward

5573742 £12.99*

This has split the critics. What comes through, as usual, is his extraordinary intelligence and sensitivity, plus a gentle wit. Make up your own mind!

An asterisk indicates a promotional price



Anne-Sophie Mutter Beethoven Violin Concerto

4713492 £12.99*

Mutter plays the Beethoven with a fierce tenderness, in a live performance without any hint of audience noise. Rubato is taken to an extreme, but Masur and his New Yorkers are with her every step of the way.

Strongly recommended



Bocelli Sentimento

4704002 £12.99*

Bocelli is partnered by the LSO under Lorin Maazel in new arrangements of favourite tunes. Lush orchestrations - some might say sugary...



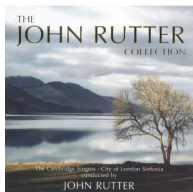
Lesley Garrett The Singer

5574032 £12.99*

A new partnership with Tolga Kashif, responsible for rich new arrangements of popular traditional British tunes, including Jerusalem, Scarborough Fair and Greensleeves.

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MAJOR AUTUMN RELEASES



John Rutter Collection

4726222 £12.99*

Licensed from his Collegium label, Decca have collected 22 of his most requested anthems and carols. This is music adored by choirs and audiences alike.



Paul McCreesh

Music for the
Duke of Lerma

4716942 £19.99*

Another McCreesh "authentic" reconstruction of early music. Rediscovered works (found in an organ bench!) from a festival organised by the Duke in 1617. 2 CDs.



Hummel

Masses / Hickox

CHAN0861 £12.99*

Susan Gritton and Collegium Musicum under Richard Hickox. Due for release Nov 18th.



PAUL'S LIST

Missa Mexicana
HMC901765 £14.99

Biber & Schmelzer
Musik der Hofkapelle
MA20017 £14.99

Faure Requiem / Herreweghe
HMC901771 £14.99

Lawes: Knocked on the Head
METCD1045 £14.99

Le Roi Danse OST / Goebbel
4634462 £15.99

Allegri / Ensemble William Byrd
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JC Bach Opera Overtures vol 3
9997532 £14.99

Petrucchi: Odhecaton
HMU907291 £14.99

Handel Oratorio Overtures
CHAN0685 £14.99

Glass: Uakti (reissue)
4640642 £14.99

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Renee Fleming Bel Canto

4671012 £12.99*

A return to the repertoire that started her operatic stage career, the music of Bellini, Rossini and Donizetti, represented by 2 scenes each.



Belcea Quartet play Schubert

5574192 £12.99*

EMI have nurtured this talented young quartet. Quartets 10, 12 & Rosamunde.

Also available:
Janacek
Quartets 1 & 2
ZZT010701
£14.99



Pergolesi

Marian Vespers

0927466842 £24.99

Higginbottom and the Choir of New College, Oxford with Sophie Daneman. A luscious reconstruction of a possible Vespers sequence from the life-work of Pergolesi.

Recommended

MISSA MEXICANA

The Harp Consort Andrew Lawrence-King

'A heady mix of sacred & secular, polyphony meeting raw, exciting dance music, and I've hardly been able to take it out of the CD player, it's one of the loveliest and most interesting CDs to come my way all year.'
Andrew McGregor, CD Review, BBC Radio 3

'Come and voyage into the unknown, and experience one of the year's most foot-tapping discs.'
Geoff Brown, The Times, 3 September 2002.

'The Harp Consort throws itself into this with the deceptively uninhibited, quasi-improvisatory freedom which only total technical command and inspired imagination can achieve. A revelation not to be missed'

Pick of the Month, BBC Music Magazine, October 2002



RECENT OUTSTANDING RELEASES

HUW'S LIST



BORTKIEWICZ

CDA67338 £14.99

"Last night the one-man Tchaikovsky tribute band, Sergei Bortkiewicz, roared into town with his first Symphony and left the BBCSSO, conductor Martyn Brabbins, and the audience, with grins as wide as the Volga ... Someone tell the London gaffer to put this in the Proms - it would blow the audience clean away." (*Glasgow Herald*) This ebullient recording was made the day after this concert.

Vaughan Williams Quartets / Magini
855530 £4.99

Rachmaninov Symphony 1 / Polyanski
CHAN9822 £14.99

Macmillan Mass / Westminster
Cathedral
CDA67219 £14.99

Mussorgsky Pictures / VPO / Gergiev
4685262 £15.99

Dvorak Syms 8 & 9 / Fischer
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Idomeneo / Mackerras
5572602 £24.99*

EMI Great Conductors / Giulini
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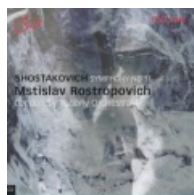
Brahms/Stravinsky Violin Conc/Hilary
Hahn
SK89649 £15.99

St. Matthew Passion / Harnoncourt
8573810362 £29.99*



Shostakovich
Complete Symphonies
Barshai/WDR
6324 £19.99*

11 CD boxset. Performances of great depth under the veteran Shostakovich conductor Rudolf Barshai. Highly recommended, even at this price.



Shostakovich
Symphony 11
Rostropovich / LSO
LSO0030 £4.99

Latest in the series of live recordings from the LSO. A highly-praised performance of great excitement under the baton of Rostropovich.



Vivaldi
6 Late Concertos
SK87733 £12.99*

Carmignola and Venice Baroque Orchestra present 6 more violin concertos from Vivaldi's unpublished works. Their first Vivaldi recording (of the 4 Seasons - SK89362) was a great success, and led to a televised prom this summer.

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Terfel
Wagner

4713482 £12.99*

Widely praised first serious Wagner disc from Bryn Terfel, beautifully partnered by Abbado with the BPO. Always a favourite when we play it in the shops. Warmly recommended.



Chloe Hanslip
Bruch Concertos

0927456642 £12.99*

Talented playing from this young violinist, with both the familiar and the rare concertos revealed anew with what Geoffrey Norris referred to as -
"Appealing freshness"

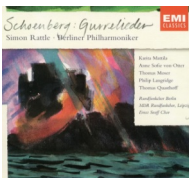


Fabio Biondi
Concertos for Many
Instruments
5455272 £12.99*

The famous mandolin concertos plus a few new discoveries. Exhilarating performances as ever from Fabio Biondi.

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Rattle / BPO

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Russian Soul

Daniil Shafran
Kabalevsky Cello Concerto 2
CC1008 £14.99

"This is an inestimably important cello release, one that no aficionado of great string playing can afford to ignore." (*Rob Cowan, Gramophone*) Also includes the Prokofiev Symphony-Concerto. The Prokofiev is in mono.



David Daniels

Handel Oratorio Arias
VC5454972 £14.99

The ever-popular counter-tenor David Daniels sings Handel. Glorious performances.

Recent solo collections:

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Senti Amor VC5453652

£12.99 each
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MICHAEL'S LIST



Elgar Organ Music / John Butt
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Angela Hewitt: Bach Toccatas
CDA67310 £14.99

Perahia: Bach Keyboard Concertos
SK89690 £15.99

Stacey Kent: In Love Again
CCD79786 £14.99

Idomeneo / Mackerras
572602 £24.99*

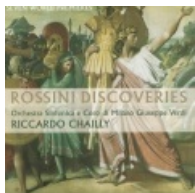


Vaughan Williams

Film Music

CHAN10007 £12.99*

The first of three volumes of Vaughan Williams's music for the cinema, and the first full recording of the music he wrote for the film *Scott of the Antarctic* and then re-worked as the basis of *Sinfonia Antartica*, his Seventh Symphony.



Chailly

Rossini Discoveries

4702982 £12.99*

"Chailly and his wonderful orchestra include 7 record premières in this exhilarating programme of little known, but by no means negligible, Rossini. The playing, conducting and recording are magnificent. A winner!" *Hugh Canning (The Times)*



Herreweghe

Fauré Requiem

HMC901771 £14.99

Herreweghe has revisited the Fauré Requiem, using the full-blooded 1901 version which was commissioned by Fauré's publisher for larger concert-halls. A magnificent, moving performance, coupled with César Franck Symphony in D minor.



ABBADO Mahler 3, 7, 9

Magnificent performances from Abbado and the BPO. "There have been few more beautifully played accounts of this ravishing score: indeed, in the nature music of the first three movements, maestro and players seem intoxicated by the freshness of Mahler's invention. (*The Sunday Times, reviewing Symphony 3*) "At the end, the audience goes beserk, and all you want to do is join in." (*The Guardian*)

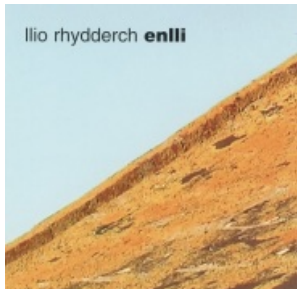
Sym 3 4715022 £19.99*
Sym 7 4716232 £12.99*
Sym 9 4716242 £12.99*

HARP RECORDINGS



Visitors to our Cardiff shop may well have met Angharad Evans, a gifted young harpist & harp teacher, who works with

us on Thursdays. We hope to persuade Angharad to play for us in the shop in the weeks before Christmas. She has helped to compile this list of Welsh music on harp. She particularly recommends:-



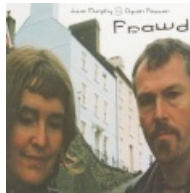
Llio Rhydderch's new recording: Enlli

Fflach CD250 £12.99

The inspiration for this CD is Ynys Enlli - Bardsey Island, which lies off the Llyn Peninsula. Magnificent new works and arrangements of ancient tunes by this most distinguished of contemporary triple harpists. The CD also includes the first Welsh traditional music DVD - a film shot on Ynys Enlli by Meic Shoring.

Also available from Llio Rhydderch:

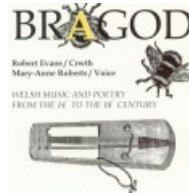
Melangell CD234
Cerddoriaeth Telyn CD196
£12.99 each



Ffawd
Julie Murphy
& Dylan Fowler
CD248 £12.99

Highly individual arrangements of old Welsh airs.

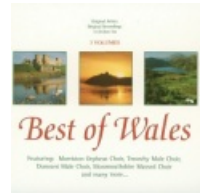
Julie Murphy's voice is precise, warm and rhythmical, ingeniously partnered by Dylan's guitar. We play this often in the shops.



Bragod
Welsh Crwth

BRAGOD £13.99

Welsh Music and Poetry 14th - 18th Century. Robert Evans (crwth) and Mary-Anne Roberts (voice). Highly inventive and individual re-creations of authentic early performance styles. Recommended but challenging!



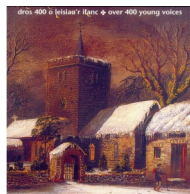
Best of Wales

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A 3 CD box set from EMI, with the best of the back catalogue from Morriston Orpheus and Treorchy Choirs.

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Carolau
from Ceredigion

SCD2213 £12.99

School choirs in mid-Wales combined to produce this CD of Christmas carols in Welsh. Unpretentious and quite enchanting!

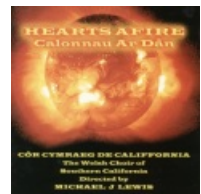


20 Welsh Hymns
Emynnau Cymru

SCD2020 £12.99

A splendid collection of old Welsh hymns, most sung by choirs, but a few are solos.

Recommended.



Hearts Afire
Calonau Ar Dan

PD12001 £14.99

A most unusual disc. This is a Welsh expatriate choir in California, with an exuberant mix of solo, choral and harp arrangements. An astounding last track, with America following on from the Welsh National Anthem. Has to be heard to be believed!

SPECIAL IMPORT

Catrin Finch: Carnival de Venise £12.99
Coast to Coast (2002) £13.99

Elinor Bennett: Portrait of the harpist £12.99
Folk Songs on the harp £12.99

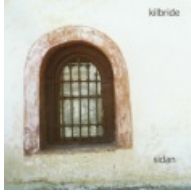
Robin Huw Bowen
We regret his CDs are reprinting at present.



Mwynion Mai
On the Waterfront

MWYNIONCD01 £12.99

Lovely arrangements mostly taken from un-attributed piano scores or based on those for piano & voice by John Thomas.



Kilbride
Sidan

Fflach CD263 £12.99

Following the success of their debut album, this features the "silky" sounds of Kilbride.

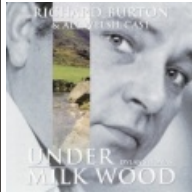


Fernhill
Llatai

BEJO23 £13.99

A sequel to Fernhill's acclaimed debut, Llatai again presents rich, vibrant interpretations of the traditional songs and dance music of Wales, Brittany and England, with the soulful voice of Julie Murphy at the heart.

Dylan Thomas



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1954
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Under Milk Wood / Burton 1963
0563388609 CD £12.99
0563388552 tapes £9.99

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reads his own poetry
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Quite early one morning
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A Child's Xmas in Wales / author
0898456487 CD £10.99
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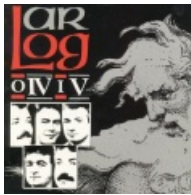
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James Sisters
Sing Gospel

Fflach CD258 £12.99

Gospel music has long been important in the area (witness the close friendship with Paul Robeson) – these are wonderful voices in powerful, personal soul music.



Ar Log
IV / V

SCD9096 £12.99

Welsh folk group working largely with traditional tunes, on modern instruments. A mix of purely instrumental and vocal tracks. Hauntingly beautiful.



Voice of Wales

CHAN6540 £7.99

Welsh male voice collection distinguished by some most individual arrangements by the late Mansel Thomas. Recommended, but avoid the horrid last track!



Bryn Terfel
We'll keep a Welcome

464711892 £14.99

Terfel sings the traditional songs of Wales, backed by male choir and full orchestra. Rousing and inspirational. Much requested.



Rough Guide
to Wales

RGNET1052CD £9.99

Survey of traditional folk with a contemporary slant. Includes harp, pipes, accordion, fiddle and bands but not choirs.

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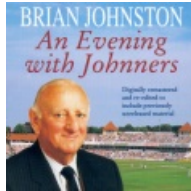


Max Boyce Doctors Papers

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2 collections available on CD, but regret that tapes are deleted.

Live at Treorchy
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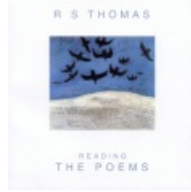
Brian Johnston 1840324651 £12.99 CD only

The great Johnners in full flow with a live audience. The worst jokes in the world and quite enchanting.



Lord of the Rings

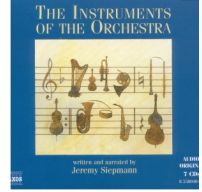
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Double CD collection of his most famous sketches, including the hapless driving instructor.



Bird Song

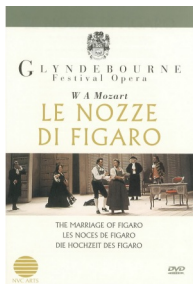
0712305122 £19.99*

British Library 3 CD pack of British Birdsong, with each track identified



Wagner
Ring Cycle
Metropolitan/Levine
0730439 £89.99

Newly issued this season, a deeply traditional production, strongly cast as ever at the Met, and confidently led by James Levine.



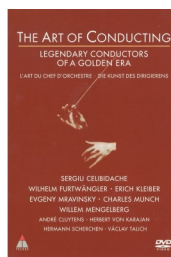
Mozart
Figaro
Glyndebourne 1995
0630140132 £22.99

Lovely (traditional) production, strongly cast (Alison Hagley, Renee Fleming) and affectionately conducted by Haitink.



Janacek
Jenufa
Glyndebourne
100208 £29.99

Not new, but a fine recording of the devastating Glyndebourne production, conducted by Andrew Davis. Very strongly recommended.



Art of Series

Two volumes of The Art of Conducting are newly released onto DVD, with 47 minutes of extra footage added. Volume 1 (Great Conductors of the Past) features 16 great conductors of the last century in rehearsal & performance. Volume 2 is made up of more substantial portraits of 6 major figures: Mengelberg, Furtwangler, Kleiber, Munch, Celibidache & Mravinsky. These are fascinating documentaries. Strongly recommended!

Great Conductors of the Past
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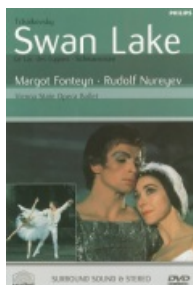
Donizetti
L'Elisir d'Amore
0741039 £29.99

Again, not new, but an enchanting production of this most likeable opera, with Alagna & Gheorghiu perfectly cast as the two lovers.



Gershwin
Porgy & Bess
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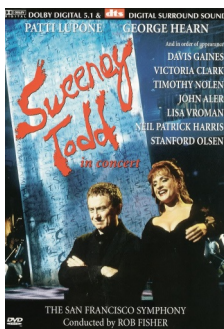
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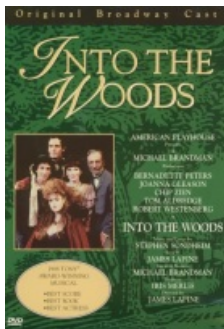
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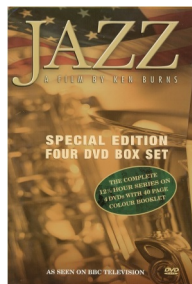
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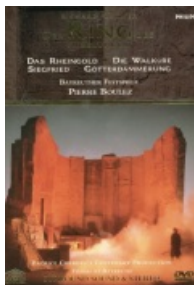
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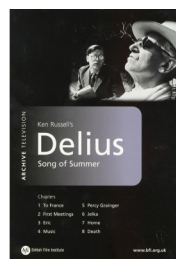
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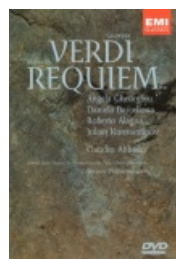
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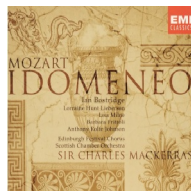
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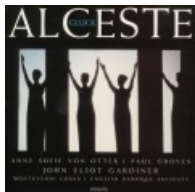
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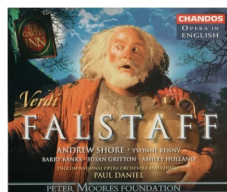
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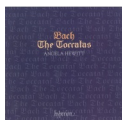
Leif Ove Andsnes & Ian Bostridge. An outstanding, gentle disc: "a recording to treasure" (*BBC Music Magazine*).

Congratulations to Semra, who is now a member of Piano Circus, and tours with them to Argentina and Switzerland in November after her inaugural concert with them in Italy last month.



Glenn Gould
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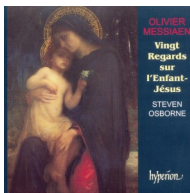
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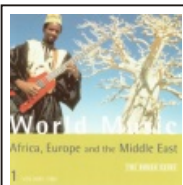
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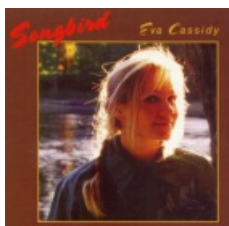


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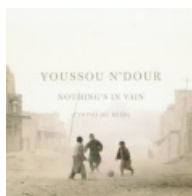


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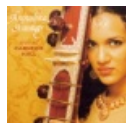
Not new releases, but still as hauntingly beautiful as ever. Saxophonist Jan Garbarek improvising alongside the Hilliard Ensemble's exquisite polyphony.

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Anoushka Shankar

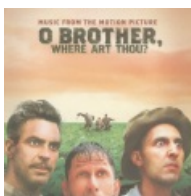
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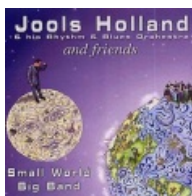


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