PERCUSSION RECORDINGS

Atmospheres

Double Take: Don Parker and Sheryl

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This CD offers new music for trumpet and percussion. The duo, Double Take, has been performing together for almost 15 years, and this CD includes two commissioned works written specifically for this duo. There are only three pieces on the CD but they are all fairly lengthy.

The first piece and title track, "Atmospheres," was written in 2004 and includes many different percussion instruments. Of particular note is the second movement, which begins with a beautiful flugelhorn solo accompanied by maraca ostinato. The second piece was commissioned in 2006 and written by Bill Cahn of Nexus. The concept behind the piece is centered around the sirens in Greek mythology, and the instrumentation supports that idea. It is almost 13 minutes long and can be very mesmerizing. The instrumentation for this piece, in addition to the trumpet, is vibraphone, tuned opera gongs, two suspended cymbals and a set of Noah bells.

The final piece comprises six short movements and was written by Gary Powell Nash in 2003 for trumpeter Ivano Ascari. The instrumentation focuses on timpani but also includes vibraphone and other percussion instruments. The CD is well produced and the performances are excellent. For those interested in music for percussion and trumpet, this would be a great resource.

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