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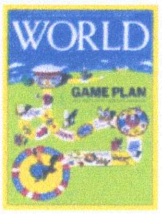

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FOUR NEW OR RECENT CLASSICAL CDS REVIEWED BY ARSENIO ORTEZA

Bacchanale | *Guy Few & Nadina Mackie Jackson*

STYLE: A meeting of the early 20th century (Shostakovich, Hindemith), the middle 20th century (Vincent Persichetti), and the early 21st century (Mathieu Lussier) facilitated by Few (trumpet), Jackson (bassoon), and the Toronto Chamber Orchestra.

WORLDVIEW: The CD's title, which suggests drunken revelry, is ironic, as such sensual stimulation as the music simultaneously provides and celebrates could only result from a most intense sobriety.

OVERALL QUALITY: Seductively and shimmeringly gorgeous, with the six Lussier compositions proving an ideal frame for the six more difficult older works.

Spotlight |

Have you ever stayed put in a theater, sitting through a film's concluding credits, no matter how lengthy, just to listen to the soundtrack music accompanying them, either because it was arresting in and of itself or because it provided a coda without which the preceding drama would've seemed somehow incomplete? Taken together, the six contemporary pieces of the Canadian bassoonist and composer Mathieu Lussier as performed by the trumpeter Guy Few, the bassoonist Nadina Mackie Jackson, and the Toronto Chamber Orchestra on *Bacchanale* (MSR Classics) have that kind of evocative power.

Implicit in the foregoing scenario is an acknowledgment that, in contrast to the Shostakovich, Hindemith, and Persichetti compositions amid which they are sequenced, Lussier's compositions are relatively simple, both structurally and harmonically. (The title piece is something of an exception.) That their simplicity serves as a complement to, rather than a respite from, the complexities of Bacchanale's more daunting works makes them as fascinating as they are beautiful.

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