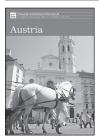
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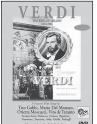






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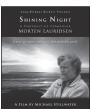
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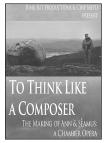
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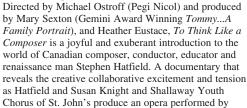
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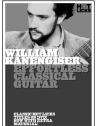
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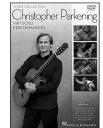


Here is a unique chance to learn classical guitar from a master. William Kanengiser shows you how to develop proper sitting positions, rest and free strokes, rasguedos, right- and left-hand synchronization and technique, slurs, and stretching exercises. You'll discover all this from a superb player and teacher who is one of the world's most honored classical guitarists.

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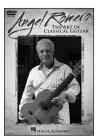
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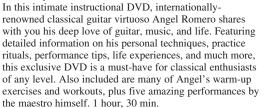
This DVD features performances and career highlights from classical guitar virtuoso Christopher Parkening (filmed in 1971, 1973, 1998 and 2003). Viewers can watch feature titles in their entirety or select individual songs. As a bonus, there is archival footage of Andrés Segovia performing in studio, circa 1950. The DVD also includes an informational booklet. 95 minutes.

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Irina and Julia Elkina. The Elkina Piano Duo, are identical twins who have been playing together since the age of five. Shortly after leaving their native Russia in 1993, they

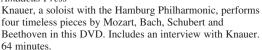
captured the attention of American music lovers by winning the Fourth Murray Dranoff International Two Piano Competition, earning special notice in Time magazine. Since then they have performed to critical acclaim throughout the U.S.,

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SEBASTIAN KNAUER, PIANO

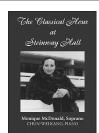
The Classical Hour at Steinway Hall, No. 3 Amadeus Press



Sebastian Knauer has performed all twenty-seven Mozart piano concertos. He tours extensively with the Brahms Ensemble, which he founded in 1996. He has performed in major concert halls in the United States and Europe, as well as Israel, Indonesia, and the United Arab Emirates, and

collaborated with world-renowned conductors, including Neeme Järvi, Christoph Eschenbach, and Philippe Entremont. A prize-winner at numerous competitions, he made his concert debut at age thirteen and shortly afterward made his international debut in Venice as part of a "European Concert" series organized by RAI, Italy's state television and radio.

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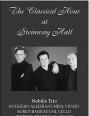
with Chun-Wei Kang on Piano The Classical Hour at Steinway Hall, No. 5 Amadeus Press

Rising vocal star Monique McDonald performs works by Gounod, Glück, Verdi, Fauré, Gershwin, Schubert, Granados and Handel in this DVD, accompanied by Chun-Wei Kang. Also features an interview with McDonald and Kang. 64 minutes.

Monique McDonald won both the Salon De Virtuosi Fellowship Grant and the George London Competition in 1998. Her credits include leading roles with the New

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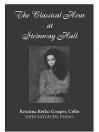
Ruggero Allifranchini, Violin; Suren Bagratuni, Cello; Stephen Prutsman, Piano The Classical Hour at Steinway Hall, No. 4 Amadeus Press

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upcoming concerto appearances include the Prague Chamber Orchestra, the Osaka Symphony, the San Salvador Symphony, and a tour of Asia with the Yomiuri Nippon Symphony Orchestra, Tokyo. Kristina has been a resident at the Marlboro, Aspen, and Spoleto USA music festivals. She has appeared with the Chamber Music Society of Lincoln Center, is a member of the Quartetto Gelato and a founding member of the Whitman String Quartet.

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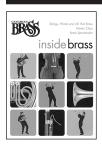
In 1998, violinist Axel Strauss became the first German artist ever to win the Naumburg Violin Award. In the seasons since then, he has been acclaimed equally for his virtuosity and his musical sensitivity. Axel maintains

a busy performance schedule and serves as Professor of Violin at the San Francisco Conservatory of Music. He performs on a treasured violin made by J. F. Pressenda in Turin circa 1845, which is on extended loan through the generous efforts of The Stradivari Society in Chicago.

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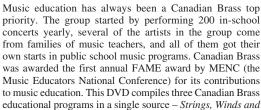
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