

Waves, The Piano Collection

COMPOSER Ludovico Einaudi (b.1955)
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About this release

Ludovico Einaudi's aesthetic of emptiness has won him legions of fans worldwide, and Jeroen van Veen's survey of the piano music which is central to Einaudi's style belongs with his survey of minimalists including Glass and Nyman who are less concerned in music as an expressive language than as a commercial artefact. Likewise, his listeners absorb the music less in the sense of engaging with meaning than as backdrop to activity or release from stress. The works on this compendious collection are nearly all 'songs' of between 3 and 7 minutes, with the influence from pop culture that this brevity implies, and sharing with the pop world an economically aware employment of simplicity and repetition so as not unduly to tax the attention-span of the consumer. As Jeroen van Veen remarks, 'Contrary to ordinary classical music, minimal music demands little of the listener but to escape life's troubles for a moment; no comprehensive musical structures ask their full attention.'

All his compositions are more or less based on the music he heard when he was a child, when his mother played Chopin Preludes. Einaudi (grandson of the politician Luigi Einaudi) loved the almost hypnotic soft sound of the upright piano. Because of her he started to play the piano and tried to find his own way. The melody (if there is any at all) always goes down, hardly leaving the classical path of harmonies. His music is ambient, calm, meditative and often introspective, drawing on minimalism and contemporary pop.

Other information:

- Ludovico Einaudi may well become the "Satie of the 21st century". His minimalist, deceptively simple piano works reach a massive audience well beyond the strict boundaries of traditional classical music. CDs with his music break sales records, the hypnotic calmness of his works being the perfect recipe against modern world's stress and fatigue.
- Einaudi's piano works fit in logically with Jeroen van Veen's survey of Minimalist Piano Music, and this 7-CD set is the most substantial collection available at present.
- Booklet contains an introduction by Jeroen van Veen to the popular success of Einaudi.

Tracklist:

CD1

Le Onde (1996)

- 1 Canzone popolare 0'58
- 2 Le Onde 5'18
- 3 Lontano 5'17
- 4 Ombre 5'37
- 5 La linea scura 4'03
- 6 Tracce 4'03
- 7 Questa notte 5'56
- 8 Sotto Vento 7'51
- 9 Dietro l'incanto 5'19
- 10 Onde Corte 3'24
- 11 La profondita del buio 3'56
- 12 Passaggio 5'29
- 13 L'ultima volta 4'05

Jeroen van Veen, piano

Total time 61'24

CD2

Eden Roc (1999)

- 1 Fuori dalla note 4'47
- 2 Due tramonti 5'16
- 3 Nefeli 5'20

- 4 Giorni dispari 6'09
- 5 Julia 5'03
- 6 Fuori dal mondo* 5'00
- 7 Un mondo a parte 4'19
- 8 Password 5'07
- 9 Exit 6'39
- 10 The Dark Bank of Clouds 3'43
- 11 Corale Solo 4'11
- 12 Sarabande 7'33

Jeroen van Veen, piano

*with Sandra van Veen, piano/electric piano

Total time 63'15

CD3

I Giorni (2001)

- 1 Melodia africana I 2'23
- 2 I due fiumi 4'37
- 3 In un'altra vita 5'30
- 4 Melodia africana II 2'21
- 5 Stella del mattino 2'30
- 6 I giorni 6'24
- 7 Samba 4'23
- 8 Melodia africana III 4'36
- 9 La nascita delle cose segrete 4'54
- 10 Quel che resta 4'56
- 11 Inizio 3'59
- 12 Limbo 4'50
- 13 Bella note 5'07
- 14 Melodia africana IV 9'18

Jeroen van Veen, piano

Total time 65'56

CD4

Una Mattina (2004)

- 1 Una mattina 3'21
- 2 Ora 8'36
- 3 Resta con me* 4'53
- 4 Leo 6'45
- 5 Dolce droga 4'12
- 6 Dietro casa 4'21
- 7 Come un fiore 4'41
- 8 Nuvole nere 5'23
- 9 Questa volta 4'02
- 10 Nuvole bianche 5'48
- 11 Ancora 13'19
- 12 The snow prelude No.3 1'54
- 13 The earth prelude 5'02

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Total time 72'24

CD5

Divenire (2008)

- 1 Uno* 3'34
- 2 Divenire* 7'02
- 3 Monday 7'10
- 4 Andare* 7'05
- 5 Rose 4'43

- 6 Primavera 7'24
- 7 Oltremare 13'18
- 8 L'Origine nascosta 3'34
- 9 Fly* 4'51
- 10 Ascolta* 4'52
- 11 Ritornare 10'45

Jeroen van Veen, piano
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Total time 74'24

CD6

Nightbook (2009)

- 1 In Principio 3'14
- 2 Lady Labyrinth* 5'48
- 3 Nightbook 5'53
- 4 Indaco 5'59
- 5 The Snow Prelude No.15 5'48
- 6 Reverie 5'14
- 7 The Crane Dance* 3'18
- 8 The Snow Prelude No.2 4'29
- 9 The Tower* 4'36
- 10 Bye Bye Mon Amour 9'03
- 11 The Planets* 7'47
- 12 Tu Sei 6'35
- 13 Berlin Song 4'57

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Total time 72'49

CD7

In a Time Lapse (2013)

- 1 Corale 2'03
- 2 Time Lapse* 5'39
- 3 Life 4'45
- 4 Walk 2'45
- 5 Discovery at Night 5'11
- 6 Run 6'05
- 7 Brothers 5'06
- 8 Orbits 3'07
- 9 Two Trees 7'23
- 10 Newton's Cradle* 7'52
- 11 Waterways 4'30
- 12 Experience 5'21
- 13 Underwood 4'21
- 14 Burning 5'14
- 15 Luce (from the album Divenire) 7'03

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Total time 76'13