Kenneth Fuchs
composer

Kenneth Fuchs has written for orchestra, band, chorus, jazz ensemble, and various chamber ensembles. Naxos has released two recordings of his music performed by the London Symphony Orchestra with conductor JoAnn Falletta and producer Michael Fine. The first disc received two 2005 Grammy Award nominations: “Best Instrumental Soloist with Orchestra” (Thomas Stacy, English horn, and Falletta for Eventide) and “Producer of the Year, Classical” (Fine). The second disc features LSO principal horn Timothy Jones in a concerto Fuchs composed for him. The two recordings represent the continuation of more than 20 years of collaboration between Fuchs and Falletta, beginning in 1985 when they were students at Juilliard. In October 2001, Albany Records released String Quartets 2, 3, 4, performed by the American String Quartet. Fuchs also created with playwright Lanford Wilson three chamber musicals presented by Circle Repertory Company in New York City: A Betrothal, Brontosaurus, and The Great Nebula in Orion. Fuchs serves as professor of music composition at the University of Connecticut. He received his doctor of musical arts degree in composition from the Juilliard School, where his teachers included Milton Babbitt, David Diamond, and Vincent Persichetti.

“Fuchs’s distinctive ‘voice’ is evident from the outset, and his flair for orchestral colours and sheer lyricism shine through.”
—Musicweb International, February 2008

“United Artists is a joyous, highly cinematic opener for orchestra.”
—American Record Guide, May/June 2008

“a masterfully crafted work, with a horn part that any horn player would relish”
—Fanfare Magazine, July/August 2008

“Part tone-poem, part rhapsody, part concerto for orchestra ... a rich and vibrant tapestry of ever-changing moods and colors, a brilliant tour-de-force of evocative melody and masterful orchestration”
—Fanfare Magazine, January/February 2006, on Canticle to the Sun (Concerto for French Horn)

“String quartet recordings don’t get much better than this.”
—American Record Guide, July/August 2002
COMPOSITIONS

ORCHESTRAL MUSIC

An American Place
3343 4331 Timp 3Perc Hp Cel Str (19’) EBM

Atlantic Riband
3333 4333 Timp 3Perc HP Str (13’)

Canticle to the Sun (Concerto for French Horn)
Solo Horn 1EH10 0110 Timp 4Perc Hp Cel Str (20’) EBM

Discover the Wild
3222 4221 Timp 3Perc Hp Str (5’)

Divinum Mysterium (Concerto for Viola)
Solo Viola 1111 1111 Timp 3Perc Hp Str (16’)

Eventide (Concerto for English Horn)
Solo EH 2Perc Hp Cel Str (22’) EBM

Out of the Dark (Suite for Chamber Orchestra)
1111 1000 String Orchestra (no double bass) (14’)

United Artists
3322 4331 Timp 3Perc Hp Str (6’) EBM

CHAMBER MUSIC

After Orion (for English Horn & Piano) (6’)

Autumn Rhythm (Idyll for Woodwind Quintet)
(13’) EBM

Face of the Night (Concerto for Oboe & English Horn)
Solo Ob/EH 2Perc HP Vn, Va, Vc (18’) EBM

Fire, Ice, and Summer Bronze (Idyll for Brass Quintet) (12’) EBM

Gazing at Orion (for Clarinet & Piano) (6’)

Orion Nocturne (for Oboe & Piano) (6’)

Quiet in the Land (Idyll for Flute, English Horn, Clarinet, Viola, & Cello) (12’) EBM

String Quartet No. 4 (11’)

Where Have You Been? (String Quartet No. 2) (25’)

Whispers of Heavenly Death (String Quartet No. 3) (20’)

WIND ENSEMBLE

Burning Blue (Fanfare–Overture) (6’)

Christina’s World (Idyll for Winds, Brass, & Percussion) (11’) EBM

On Silver Wings (Fanfare–Overture) (7’)

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CHORAL MUSIC

Immigrants Still (Poem by Richard Wilbur)
(SSAATTBB) (6’) YRM

In the Clearing (Six Poems by Robert Frost)
(SSAATTBB) (12’30”) YRM

VOCAL MUSIC

Aster Flowers (Seven Poems by Robert Frost for Baritone & Piano) (8’)

Movie House (Six Poems by John Updike for Baritone, Flute, Oboe, Clarinet, String Trio, & Harp) (31’)

Songs of Innocence and Experience (Four Poems by William Blake for Baritone, Flute, Oboe, Cello, & Harp) (8’)

RECORDINGS

Canticle to the Sun, United Artists
London Symphony Orchestra; JoAnn Falletta, conductor; Timothy Jones, French horn; Naxos (American Classics 8.559335), 2008. Includes three chamber pieces, in performances by principal players of the LSO: Quiet in the Land (mixed quintet), Fire, Ice, and Summer Bronze (brass quintet), and Autumn Rhythm (wind quintet)

An American Place, Eventide, Out of the Dark
London Symphony Orchestra; JoAnn Falletta, conductor; Thomas Stacy, English horn; Timothy Jones, French horn; Naxos (American Classics 8.559224), 2005

Quartets 2, 3, 4
American String Quartet, Albany Records (Troy 480), 2001

Christina’s World
University of Miami Wind Ensemble, Albany Records (Troy 403), 2000

Face of the Night


In the Clearing (Eight Poems by Robert Frost), Coro Allegro, 1998

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