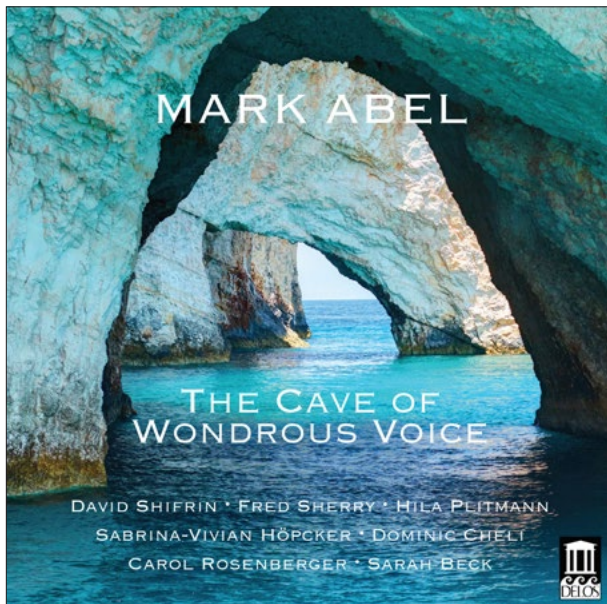


THE CAVE OF WONDROUS VOICE Chamber Music and Songs of Mark Abel

David Shifrin, clarinet • Carol Rosenberger, piano • Hila Plitmann, soprano
Fred Sherry, cello • Sabrina-Vivian Höpcker, violin
Dominic Cheli, piano • Sarah Beck, English horn

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This album sings and dances, with Mark Abel's "colorful blend of styles that serve the emotional nature of each work to bracing and poignant effect" (*Gramophone*) and further clarifies why Abel is "one of the most interesting figures in American contemporary music" (*Pizzicato*).

Abel's idiom eludes easy pigeon-holing—its contours extend from art song to larger forms with orchestra to a full length chamber opera, *Home Is a Harbor*.

The program begins with *Intuition's Dance*, a combination of frolic and dreamy ruminations featuring the incomparable clarinetist David Shifrin and pianist Carol Rosenberger. (Together again for the first time since their memorable albums for Delos, recorded in 1984!) Next comes the remarkable Hila Plitmann singing the powerfully moving *Four Poems of Marina Tsvetaeva*—the first-ever setting of Tsvetaeva's poetry in English translation. Plitmann is joined by Rosenberger and English hornist Sarah Beck.

Colorful and haunting, *The Elastic Hours* are brought to life with virtuosity by violinist Sabrina-Vivian Höpcker and pianist Dominic Cheli. In the richly lyrical *Clarinet Trio*, Shifrin and Rosenberger are joined by cellist Fred Sherry for a musical journey beginning with "The Unfolding," moving to "Taking Flight," and finally ending with a peaceful and tender "In Good Time."

SOUND CLOUD LISTENING SAMPLES:

<https://soundcloud.com/delos-radio/mark-abel-trio-for-clarinet-cello-and-piano/s-UQ6B3>

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