

Memories of Water and Light

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Over the years artist **Scott Cossu** has brought us many musical delights, the one I remember most was back in 2015 and entitled *Safe In Your Arms*, now he is back and brings us a sparkling and very touching new album called **Memories of Water and Light**. The combination of multi instrumentation works perfectly on this release and as such it is an offering that delivers to us, the ever eager listeners, one of the finest examples of contemporary instrumental music this year.

The journey begins with the track **Wedding Lanterns**, the energy of performance is utterly transcendent, its refrains are sweetly enjoyed and a fine performance by Cossu can be found here, on this most charming of opening offerings.

I felt truly moved by this next track; the name given to it is equally as beautiful and called **Memories of Water and Light**, this is of course the title track from the album and an extremely memorable one as well. The combination of Cossu's piano is so well partnered by the intricate guitar of *Van Manakas*, in what is a sublime moment of acoustic magic.

One of the most impressive tracks for me was the colourful **Cerulean Eyes**, this is a truly attractive opus that has a gentle touch to its energy, it has to be said that **Scott Cossu** is at his absolute best here, in this creative composition that at times is ambient, but at all times, creative.

The tightness and collective professionalism can be wonderfully felt on this following piece called **Follow Your Heart**. This is indeed a passionate offering,

but also one craft-fully performed, the smart and intelligent symbiotic combination of Cossu (Piano) *Manakas* (Guitar) and *Holly Reeves* on (Cello) really hits home here with such class, and is truly something to behold.

I have just mentioned *Reeves* in the previous track, her Cello starts this next offering with its deep and textured refrains; it is called **Here With You**. A song with such a sweet melody is about to unfurl before you, one that is so vibrant and light, that just listening to it gives one a warm feeling of joy, which is deeply felt in such abundance.

As we gracefully step into the latter half of the album we come across a track called **Makena**, this would turn out to be another favourite offering of mine, the Cello here of *Reeves* is so emotive and beautifully played, then the magical guitar of *Manakas* joins Cossu in this dance of colour and light, and magic is made.

Sometimes when you hear the first few bars of a track it entrances you, that can be said for this following composition called **Luminoso**, the multi-instrumental nature of this song is wonderful, but within the structure there is so much more, a little Jazz can even be found in the weave of a truly expressive offering.

We now swim in the deeper waters of the release and as we do so we come across a reflective opus entitled **Ascending Angels**, there is something quite moving about this piece that really raises ones mood, the performance is dynamic, but also empowering in disposition.

It seems amazing that we arrive at the penultimate offering off the release, it is called **Lucid Watercolors**. I feel a TV theme coming on here for this track, there is something really appealing about it, as it has a certain warmth and charming narrative about its construction which makes it so easy to listen to.

With that final turn of the corner we arrive at the very last portal to this musical realm created by **Scott Cossu**, and we are therefore gifted one final composition entitled **Last Snow**. I have to say that this is such a treat to end with a composition of such style and panache as this, a combination of everything we have heard and more, and a track that illustrated perfectly the last snows of a sullen winter, with performances that were so deeply emotive,

but with a relaxing motif that would be as glowing as the log fire warming the bones from this most harsh of seasons.

Memories of Water and Light is a compelling album indeed, musical partnerships have been forged in fire on this release and from this melodic furnace comes genius. **Scott Cossu** has brought into this world something that is so desperately needed, a classy album absolutely packed with compositions that simply cry out to be heard, and one for me very easy to recommend.