

SHARON ISBIN'S GRAMMY Award Nominated

JOURNEY TO THE AMAZON

(Warner Classics/Teldec # 0630-19899-2)

With **Thiago de Mello**, Brazilian Percussionist/composer
and **Paul Winter**, soprano saxophone
Music from Brazil, Paraguay, Venezuela, Colombia and Cuba

- ◆ **GRAMMY Award nomination for "Best Classical Crossover"**
(first guitar recording ever to be nominated in this category)
- ◆ A best-selling CD worldwide and on **Billboard magazine's 'Top Classical Crossover' charts** in the U.S. and Great Britain.

"Sharon Isbin -- a true sorceress, an incomparable master of the guitar"

Antonio Carlos Jobim

EDITOR'S CHOICE RECORDING OF THE MONTH

"Isbin has loved and felt this music for over a quarter of a century and is entirely at home. The guitar has a wide range of tone colour, which Isbin exploits with skill and taste in traversing the gamut from tenderness to joyously rhythmic energy. Waste no time in getting your hands on this disc, and don't be surprised if it appears in my Critic's Choice for the Year."

Gramophone

"*Journey to the Amazon* is a marvelous recording by three extraordinary musicians. Words are not enough to describe Sharon Isbin's genius touch, Paul Winter's rare musical sensibility and Thiago de Mello's creative percussion and brilliant compositions."

Luis Bonfà

"Sharon Isbin's magical tone, impeccable technique and a heart full of wonder, Thiago de Mello's Amazonian soul and versatile percussion, and Paul Winter's enchanting soprano saxophone take us on a fascinating musical journey through the luxurious beauty of the Amazon."

Oscar Castro-Neves

"Isbin's commanding virtuosity is the perfect vehicle with which to explore South America's most profound guitar literature. Her fingers burn and she demonstrates why the classical and popular music traditions in Latin America are so inextricably linked."

JAZZIZ Magazine

"A TRUE AND BLESSED MIRACLE....Sharon Isbin is a stellar artist."

(Rio de Janeiro) **Tribuna Bis**

"Strong, gutsy, lively, and mellow, *Journey to the Amazon* sets a high point of musical expression...Isbin's vibrant warmth and sense of rollicking fun have added a joyous sophistication to these tunes....an outstanding Latin banquet."

The Brazilians

"This CD is a thorough delight: spirited, tuneful, energized, imaginative and smart. And it bespeaks a 'classical' artist who really has embraced the wider world of music."

The Detroit News

"Remarkable and very moving...imaginatively conceived and performed with spirit and love." **Stereo Review**

"Isbin's playing has all the fragrant aroma of a rain forest, and Thiago de Mello is one of the most imaginative and sensitive percussionists I've encountered."

Time Out, New York