

Sharon Isbin & Friends: Guitar Passions

(Sony Classical 88697-84219-2) with guests:

Steve Vai, Stanley Jordan, Nancy Wilson (Heart), Steve Morse,
Romero Lubambo, Paul Winter, Thiago de Mello, Rosa Passos



BILLBOARD TOP CLASSICAL CHARTS

"Grammy Award-winning guitarist Sharon Isbin is truly a master of this genre...Her new album elevates classical guitar to a whole new level. She masterfully captures what's unique about each performer's personality and style and melds it into a new guitarified creation." **Guitar World**

"The program displays all the diversity of a Brazilian rainforest...a true symphony of hearts and minds built on the cantus firmus of Isbin's passion for musical friendship." **Gramophone**

"Full of passion and the vision which makes her the most acclaimed classical guitarist on the scene today."
Corriere della Sera (Italy)

"Isbin's '*Journey to the New World*' was a brilliant recapitulation of the flow of ideas between English and US folk and classical modes; here, the gifted guitarist turns her attention to the Spanish and Latin American tradition, with a series of dazzling accounts." **The Independent (UK)**

"A most successful crossover approach for the eminent guitarist. The new compositions are fascinating...The blendings of acoustical classical and electric rock or jazz guitars are all superb." **Audiophile Audition**

"Isbin is a superb player with impeccable tone, phrasing, articulation and attack." **BBC Magazine**

"The brightest star throughout is Isbin, whose playing is predictably flawless and spirited." **Jazziz Magazine**

"Guitar Passions is not only a fun time with respected friends, it is a beautiful collection of guitar tracks."
The Morton Report

"Spectacular music...absolutely transcendent...Sharon Isbin and her friends not only play with skill, they imbue that work with passion and excitement." **Seattle Post**

ALBUM OF THE WEEK: "Polished technique and broad palette of sounds...Isbin eloquently incorporates Latin flavors...bringing fire and flair." **WQXR-FM (New York)**

"Incredible recording. Ms. Isbin is ahead of the curve with '*Guitar Passions*', and once again pushing the envelope to the benefit of us all." **Classical Guitar Magazine (UK)**

"On top of all this is Isbin's sheer musicality: she has the indefinable ability, common to great performers, to combine diverse material and diverse musical forces, and make them all her own. A sterling example of the crossover classical guitar album." **AllMusic**