

SHARON ISBIN & PACIFICA QUARTET: *SOUVENIRS OF SPAIN & ITALY*

#1 Bestseller on Amazon, #2 on *Billboard* Classical Charts



“The free-wheeling sense of festivity permeates each bar of this vivacious music. Isbin’s luscious instrument and the Pacifica Quartet appear in rich, vibrant sonics.” *Audiophile Audition*

“Gorgeous ornamentation ... Another triumph for Ms. Isbin and a feather in the caps of the Pacifica Quartet. It is a sonically spectacular album as well ... Get this one, you’ll play it often.” *New Music Buff*

“Magnificent recording with Great Passion ... Brilliant” *Akustik Gitarre* (Germany)

***** **5 STARS:** “A superb disc. Isbin and her players react impeccably to the musical landscape...with the clarity of texture, the rhythmic bounce, and the sheer joy in life exemplified by the rhythmic spring ... Isbin’s clear, well-rounded tone and variety of attack and articulation, combine with the Quartet’s silken polish and liquid phrasing.” *Fanfare Magazine*

“A gorgeous, rich tone from all of the instrumentalists ... Isbin's performances are glorious and illuminating, and this is a terrific partnership with the Pacifica Quartet, which brings a lovely lightness and effervescence to these pieces.” *Wisconsin Public Radio*

“A lush reading...lovely” *American Record Guide*

“A wonderful recording!” *Third Coast Review*

ALBUM OF THE WEEK: “A listening delight!” *WRTI Radio Philadelphia*

"Beautiful disc!" *WBAI-FM NYC*

CD OF THE WEEK: “The vibrant Pacifica Quartet is a perfect match for guitarist Sharon Isbin where the intoxicating flavor of Spain gets cooked up by Italian composers ... A spectacular musical friendship ... Isbin and the Pacificas sound like they’re having a blast. [Vivaldi has] a breathtaking slow movement, played with finesse and love by everyone here ... Stunning ... you’ll be thoroughly captivated.” *WCRB Classical Radio Boston*

“One of the world’s greatest advocates for her instrument, award-winner, teacher (founding director of the guitar department at Juilliard), pioneer in new repertoire, Isbin’s appearance here informs the music with an authority – enlivened by her unique ornamentation and occasional improvisatory licks – that elevates the performances far beyond the merely respectable or routine efforts of some of her very competent colleagues.” **Artistic Quality 10 / Sound Quality 10** *Classics Today.com*

ALBUM OF THE WEEK: KUSC Los Angeles and KDFC San Francisco