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Chart Report from Palm Beach

Pianist Mary Kathleen Ernst Records Contemporary Female Composers in the CD "Keeping Time"

Mary Kathleen Ernst in her
Lake Worth and ocean-view
Palm Beach apartment



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Juilliard-trained internationally award-winning pianist with a 30-year music career, Mary Kathleen Ernst, released her first solo CD, "Keeping Time." The piano works celebrate the combined success of her and her long-term female composer friends. She also has produced one orchestra CD and three chamber music CDs with solo tracks.

For "Keeping Time," Ernst included composers Vivian Fung, Jennifer Higdon, Katherine Hoover, Nancy Bloomer Deussen, Jing Jing Luo, Stefania de Konessey and Judith Shatin.

"For thirty years I've been performing the music of these women and I'm thrilled now to have an album based on our shared history. It has been wonderful to watch these composers grow and stay in the music scene. When the Millennium 2000 was approaching, I decided to focus much more on championing the music of American women composers, to give them as much exposure as possible on the concert scene, where it can be challenging for female composers to get their music performed.

American pop composers get toured in the U.S. and abroad, but not many contemporary women composers get that same opportunity," said Ernst.

Ernst noted the lack of interest of youth for the classical music of her training, and how that influenced this current release of varying styles including jazz, neo-classical, post-modern and serial.

"Young people want to get past Beethoven and Mozart. Contemporary music is more interesting to them. My son has such eclecticism in music on his phone. Young people like variety," Ernst noted.

When contemporary female composers do get featured at events, it is an event.

"My daughter called from L.A. so excited because she heard one of Judith Shatin's songs at a music event. She's heard me play Judith's songs for years," added Ernst.

Staying true to her personal mission of promoting new thoughts on music, Ernst chose all debut recordings of the pieces on "Keeping Time."

"At this point in my life, I want to look back and see what I have contributed. I want to create music that will stand the test of time. I want to share my life as a friend, and also my professional life. This is an interesting grouping of all different voices and personalities that I believe will do just that," she said.

Ernst credits her creativity to embracing all aspects of her life.

"Artists are inspired by what's going on around them. When something bad, or sad or unfortunate happens in life, it grows your soul. You learn to appreciate both joy and sorrow. Emotionally it's very satisfying to get into music and communicate with people, linking all those connections of emotions created by the composers and by me as the pianist," Ernst said.

"Keeping Time" released in March 2013 during Women's History Month, marking the beginning of this spirited creative expression destined to be as timeless as the friendships that made it possible.



Mary Kathleen Ernst joyfully celebrated the release of her CD "Keeping Time" in Mar. 2014 at Matteo's Garden Club with tennis friends and other Palm Beach friends.

1. Arlette Gordon, Edmund Spivack, Mary Kathleen Ernst
2. Monica Friedlander
3. Murray Fox, Holly Dreman, Diana Sanderson, David Dreman
4. Steve and Martha Greenwald
5. Lisa and John Cregan
6. Tami Vicinanza

Chart Cool Factor: LISA CREGAN wrote an article for the April / May 2014 issue of *Venndt* magazine about the stylish renovation of Mary Kathleen Ernst and Edmund Spivack's Palm Beach Biltmore apartment.

Chart Cool Factor: On opposite page, GRACIE, participates as a PTSD rescue dog visiting hospitals, retirement homes, libraries and more. She is registered with Therapy Dog International. www.tdi-dog.org

Chart Cool Factor: TAMI VICINANZA's family owned Trosby Galleries on Royal Poinciana Way for 50 years, selling fine art and antiques. She now, with her husband Matteo, own Matteo's Garden Club on Sunrise Ave. in the The Sun & Surf Condominiums.

"We can't advertise or put out signage with the Palm Beach ordinances, but out of 69 restaurants on the Island, we are rated 13 on Yelp and Trip Advisor. We don't have a microwave! We make every order from scratch, including the bread, pasta, and the desserts," said Vicinanza.

They are open for dinner, delivery and catering every day but Monday, which is when they schedule private parties, such as the CD release party for Mary Kathleen Ernst. Matteo's Garden Club 561-833-6600

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