

Kirsten Johnson is a concert pianist with wide-ranging musical interests and a large repertoire of pieces from the pre-Baroque to the present. Her recordings and performances have delighted listeners around the world. Kirsten's latest disc is **Amy Beach, Piano Music, Vol. 2: The Turn of the Century (GMCD 7329)**. In 2008 Kirsten released **Amy Beach, Piano Music: The Early Years (GMCD 7317)** after extensive research on the piano works of this esteemed American composer.

Her earlier albums of Albanian piano music, **Këngë: Albanian Piano Music (GMCD 7257)** and **Rapsodi: Albanian Piano Music, Vol. II (GMCD 7300)**, met with much critical acclaim. Most of the pieces on these CDs are world premiere recordings, making this more obscure repertoire known internationally. Her other recorded output includes the complete piano works of Heinrich Schultz-Beuthen (1838-1915) and pieces by Hermann Götz (1840-1876): **Heinrich Schulz-Beuthen - Piano Music (GMCD 7277)** and **Hermann Goetz - Heinrich Schulz-Beuthen - Piano Music (GMCD 7282)**.

Kirsten earned her Bachelor of Music at Evangel University, Missouri, USA; her Master of Music in piano performance from the University of North Texas; and her Doctor of Musical Arts from the University of Missouri-Kansas City. She studied in Vienna, Austria, at the Hochschule für Musik under a Rotary International Foundation Scholarship, and later in England with Alkan expert Ronald Smith, FRAM. Kirsten enjoys working with composers, and is a keen champion of new music.

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