

Album Review—From the Angelic Harp Realm by Christina Tourin

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In Pursuit of Inner Peace: Christina's Harp Music for Spiritual Reflection and Renewal

In this chaotic world, the soul seeks and befriends tranquil music in pursuit of peace and happiness. Therefore, in the realms of music, a few masterful compositions stand out as popular respites to appease the cravings of the soul. From the Angelic Harp Realm – The Best of Christina Tourin (Discs 1&2) is a double album curated with such a lofty objective. These two collections from the eminent artist transport the listeners to a serene plane where the strings of harp narrate stories of timeless beauty, peace, and introspection. I personally found these albums not just collections of soul-stirring musical compositions, but a transformative experience that leaves you into a new being – much refined and rejuvenated once you have journeyed through these songs.

About the Artist: Christina Tourin

[Christina Tourin](#) is one of the most renowned harpists and educators of our time. She is a second-generation harpist who started playing at the age of four. She enhanced her craft at the Mozarteum in Salzburg, Austria, and McGill University in Montreal, Canada. Her illustrious career spans decades and she has performed with symphonies and accompanied chorales. She has graced audiences in venues across the globe, which includes a 17-year residency at the Trapp Family Lodge in Vermont. Apart from her performances, Christina is a pioneer in harp therapy. She has founded the International Harp Therapy Program, which now operates in multiple countries and trains therapeutic harp practitioners worldwide. Her dedication to blending art with healing is also evident in her compositions, books, and teaching. She has over 16 recordings credited to her name and Christina's music continues to touch lives across continents, offering solace, connection, and beauty.

Overview of the Albums

From the Angelic Harp Realm is a masterful compilation of Christina Tourin's most cherished works. This profound musical mission spans two discs with a total of 30 tracks—16 on Disc 1 and 14 on Disc 2. All in all, the album offers over two hours of ethereal harp music, 66:48 minutes and 66:11 minutes, respectively. Each track projects a distinct emotional quality, but together these albums maintain a cohesive atmosphere of tranquility and reflection. I would say that in her hands, Christina's harp serves not merely as an instrument but as a voice—a storyteller directly addressing the listener's heart.



Disc 1: A Journey Through Light and Serenity

Disc 1 of From the Angelic Harp Realm opens with a sense of gentleness and grace. With 16 tracks spread over 66 minutes, this collection feels like a musical walk through a serene garden at dawn. Among the highlights are Love of Creation, a composition that sets a tone of tenderness and hope. The Dove, playing for 4:41 minutes, stands out with its soaring melodies that evoke imagery of freedom and divine grace. Another gem in this collection is Music is Love, the shortest piece on the album at just 2:11 minutes. Yet, it manages to capture a world of emotion within its brief moments. On the other end of the spectrum,

Tranquility/Reflections, the second track on the

album, plays for 7:03 minutes and stands as the longest composition in the collection. This track feels like a meditative dive into still waters, where each note resonates like a ripple spreading outward.

The remaining tracks on Disc 1 continue to weave between moments of introspection and joy, creating a sense of progression and balance. Christina's harp music is characterized by precision and fluidity, and every track feels intentional. Therefore, we feel it has been crafted not merely to be heard, but to be felt since it has the ability to resonate with the soul's deepest passions.

Disc 2: Depth and Contemplation

The entire musical journey in Disc 2 feels like a gentle walk in the twilight, thereby providing a space for deeper introspection and quiet contemplation. With 14 tracks spanning 66:11 minutes, this disc holds its own unique charm while complementing the first disc in a seamless fashion.

The opening track, Imaginings, sets a reflective mood with its enchanting melody and graceful tunes and spans for 4:56 minutes. It sounds like an invitation to wander into a dreamy landscape. The exceptional track on this disc is Canon in D, which runs for 6 minutes, making it the longest track on the second disc. Christina's dexterous notes add the typical softness to the music that makes it feel fresh and intimate. The final track, Cherubim, is a short but deeply moving composition playing for 2:24 minutes. It brings the album to an impressive close, leaving the listener with a sense of peace and fulfillment.

Throughout Disc 2, Christina's composition on the harp maintains a graceful elegance. The transitions between tracks look natural. We find that the emotional depth of each piece resonates long after the final note has faded.

From my personal perspective, one of the most striking aspects of From the Angelic Harp Realm is Christina Tourin's ability to tell stories through harp notes. Under her skilled fingers, her harp becomes a voice to discourse diverse range of emotions from joy to longing, from hope to serenity. Christina's style is admirable. Interestingly, she allows space between notes. Therefore, each of the notes is given a chance to resonate and bloom. This unique and thoughtful approach sets her music apart and therefore we find in her an exceptional talent that understands the power of silence as much as sound.

Take Away

"From the Angelic Harp Realm" is a testimony that highlights Christina's amazing mastery of the harp. Listening to these pieces, we can't help but marvel at the rare ability of the artist to evoke profound emotions through delicate, yet powerful compositions. Each of them plays for a bit more than an hour, and these albums will leave you in a tranquil state of mind for more than a couple of hours. The sonic feast the artist brings you in these songs becomes a laudable mission by the celebrated composer who seeks to nurture your soul's deep quest with her profound art. If you're seeking inner serenity and peacefulness, 'From the Angelic Harp Realm' is an ideal companion for your journey.

Review by Vivek Kumar