

# WILLIAM SUSMAN

# A QUIET MADNESS

Belarca Records presents *A Quiet Madness*, a new album by American composer William Susman, with violinist Karen Bentley Pollick, pianist Francesco Di Fiore, flutist Patricia Zuber and Bayan accordionist Stas Venglevski.

*A Quiet Madness* immerses the listener in a peculiarly specific and undeniably beautiful sound world that is both absorbing and thought-provoking.

The album brings together premiere recordings of recent solo and duo pieces composed from 2006 to 2013, including *Aria* for violin and piano, *Quiet Rhythms* nos. 1, 5 and 7 for piano, *Seven Scenes for Four Flutes*, and *Zydeco Madness* for Bayan accordion.

AllMusic calls William Susman an exemplar of “the next developments in the sphere . . . [of] minimalism,” and *textura* describes him as “not averse to letting his affection for Afro-Cuban, jazz, and other forms seep into his creative output.” His music has earned praise from *The New York Times* for being “vivid, turbulent, and rich-textured,” from *Gramophone* as “texturally shimmering and harmonically ravishing,” and from *Fanfare* for being “crystalline . . . and gloriously lyrical.”

Soloists include Karen Bentley Pollick one of America’s foremost contemporary violinists, award-winning Sicilian pianist/composer Francesco Di Fiore, leading New York City-based flutist Patricia Zuber, and two-time first prize winner of the Bayan Competition in the Republic of Moldova, Stas Venglevski.

*A Quiet Madness* was recorded in the US on both coasts and in the Midwest, as well as Sicily including Belmont, California, New York City, Milwaukee, Wisconsin and, Catania, Italy.

Music by William Susman

Produced by William Susman

Album Mixing by John Kilgore

Mastered by Alan Silverman at Arf! Mastering, New York City

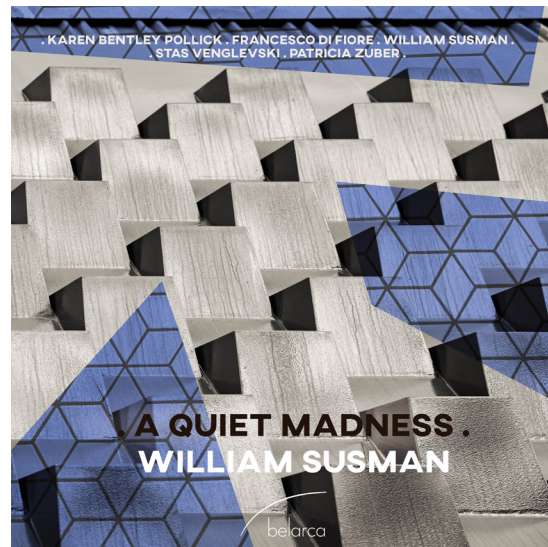
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## TRACK LIST

1. **Aria** (2013)\*  
Karen Bentley Pollick, violin & William Susman, piano 12:16
2. **Quiet Rhythms No.1** (2010)\*\*  
Francesco Di Fiore, piano 4:40
3. **Seven Scenes for Four Flutes** (2011)\*\*\*  
Patricia Zuber, flutes  
I. Build - II. Swirl - III. Echo - IV. Weave - V. Drift - VI. Jagged - VII. Shimmer 11:52
4. **Quiet Rhythms No.5** (2010)\*\*  
Francesco Di Fiore, piano 4:50
5. **Zydeco Madness** (2005)\*\*\*\*  
Stas Venglevski, accordion 9:52
6. **Quiet Rhythms No.7** (2010)\*\*  
Francesco Di Fiore, piano 4:11

TOTAL TIME 47:46

\* Recorded and mixed by Cookie Marenco and Patrick O'Connor at OTR Studios, Belmont, CA, February 24, 2014

\*\* Recorded by Francesco Di Fiore at FDF Studio, Catania, Italy, November 2016

\*\*\* Recorded and mixed by John Kilgore at Kilgore Sound, New York City, March to May 2018

\*\*\*\* Recorded by Dan Gnader at eDream Studio, Milwaukee, WI, May 2013

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