

Lasting Impressions  
Composed and arranged by Lisa Swerdlow  
Release Date November 29, 2019  
Review by Pam Asberry

The latest single from pianist and composer Lisa Swerdlow, "Lasting Impressions," is also her first venture into arranging. The piano is joined by violin, cello, percussion and bass guitar and the result is fabulous.

Swerdlow says that this music was inspired by the many people – lovers, friends and teachers - and places that have left a lasting impression on her and guided the choices she has made in her life. It begins simply with just the piano and a touch of percussion; the key is minor, and the mood is rather dark and melancholy. As the piece continues, the texture gradually thickens and the music becomes almost conversational as the other instruments join in with countermelodies and rich harmonies. The effect is both mesmerizing and thought provoking, causing me to reflect upon my own history and those who have influenced me. Very highly recommended!

Sing Me of Winter  
Composed and performed by Lisa Swerdlow  
Release date December 10, 2019  
Orchestrated by Paul Kraushaar.

"Sing me of Winter" is a brand new holiday single by the gifted composer and talented pianist Lisa Swerdlow. According to Swerdlow, this music was inspired by her friend Paul Landry who advised her NOT to do yet another cover of an existing Christmas song but instead to write one of her own. And I for one am very grateful that she did! It's a spirited tune in a fast triple meter; the piano fairly sparkles and is set off with a beautiful orchestration by Paul Kraushaar, who added just the right "festive" touches. This is dramatic music that could serve as the soundtrack to a scene in a movie; the piece opens with a sense of urgency that gradually unfolds into excitement and ends with a sweep of the heart and a glorious sense of resolution. "Sing Me of Winter" is going on ALL of my holiday playlists and I look forward to listening to it again and again, throughout the current season and for many years to come. Don't miss it! Very highly recommended!