

# *What are people saying about* **PURE PIANO MUSIC?**

## THIS I KNOW: *Ageless Hymns of Faith*

"The dancing, Vince Guaraldi-like stride Jeff Bjorck gently grafts onto Come Thou Font of Every Blessing evokes the sonic equivalent of sunrise in an unspoiled, dew-laden meadow. The rest of this CD—the latest in his Pure Piano series—dedicates itself to faith hymns with a similar spirit of artistry and reverence. It Is Well With My Soul begins with the brushstrokes of single piano keys, then unfolds with flower-petal sensitivity. If you're looking for a lullaby to soothe your child-like soul, Jesus Loves Me finds salve in the instrument's upper register, its 88 seconds enveloping the listener in swaddling cloth."

~~Lou Carlozo, *Christian Century Magazine*

"*This I Know: Ageless Hymns of Faith* is a wonderful recording for anyone who loves the classic hymns, but will also be a joy for anyone who loves deeply-felt piano solos. A rich and satisfying experience awaits the listener....Very highly recommended!

~~Kathy Parsons, *Mainlypiano.com*

"The fourth in his Pure Piano series, *This I Know* contains Jeff Bjorck's favorite hymns, featuring his own solo piano arrangements for them....Bjorck is a devout Christian, of that there is absolutely no doubt. However, take it from me, an avowed agnostic and fallen-away Catholic; enjoyment of this CD is not restricted to those for whom these hymns hold spiritual significance. I'd guess that if one were Christian, then these wonderful interpretations might stir his/her soul in a special way. However, Bjorck is a talented pianist and his arrangements make even the most "hymn-like" hymns sound inviting to a secular music lover, such as myself.

~~Bill Binkelman, *New Age Reporter*

"Jeff Bjorck is a licensed clinical psychologist and professor at Fuller Theological Seminary's Graduate School of Psychology. He is also a seriously incredible pianist. He calls his music "quiet music to calm the heart in a noisy world" and he is 100% right on the money there. Beautiful stuff here ... simply beautiful."

~~Kim Jones, *correspondent for About.com Christian Music*~~

"I found out about this CD in one of the recording forums on the web. I'd never heard of Jeff but feel fortunate to have happened upon his music. After listening to several soundbytes of this disc that were posted on the gearslutz forum, I knew immediately it was something I wanted to add to my collection. The songs on the disc are billed as a collection of hymns, though many won't be recognized as such due to Jeff's creative interpretations. The production, engineering and recording of this CD will blow you away...it's as if you're sitting in the room with Jeff as he plays. The only thing that overshadows what producer Bill Pearson did in the studio with the knobs is what Jeff Bjorck did in the studio on the piano. This is just a great collection of soothing solo piano music played by a very talented musician and captured by a top notch producer. And it keeps my blood pressure down while sitting in traffic in Atlanta! Truly the best \$15 bucks I've spent in awhile."

~~R. Hendee, *Norcross, GA*

# IMPRESSIONS *in Black and White*

**"With *Impressions in Black and White*, Jeff Bjorck has created some very beautiful melodies that blend in perfectly with our play lists!~~Phil, Casale & Paras, GentleSounds Internet Radio**

**"Jeff Bjorck's *Impressions in Black and White* provides wonderful mental release and has greatly warmed the seas of morning radio. His compositions reflect emotional depth and evoke colorful images of beauty and peace." ~Misha, New Age Director 90FM WWSP**

**"This is the third "Pure Piano" album from pianist Jeff Bjorck and it displays the artist's ability to infuse his music, whether original compositions or his rendition of two hymns (serving as the opening and closing numbers), with depth of feeling and technical virtuosity....Taken as a whole, *Impressions in Black and White* is a worthy addition to any solo piano music lover's collection."  
~~Bill Binkleman, Host/Producer, Wind and Wire, KFAI-FM, Minneapolis, MN.**

**"For anyone who loves the piano, Jeff does it right. He masterfully performs his original arrangements in a professional manner." ~LeRoy Zent, Instru-mentality, KGPR Public Radio, Great Falls, MT**

**"Jeff Bjorck's latest effort, *Impressions in Black and White*, is a very welcome addition to my programs. In a vast array of piano CDs, Bjorck's work truly stands out as fresh and emotionally evocative!" (#1 CD for June, 2005) ~Joan Richarde, Host/Producer, OASIS and SOJOURN, Montana Public Radio.**

**"Fans of pianists such as George Winston and Liz Story will find plenty to like here, though Bjorck's instrumental compositions and playing reflect a vibrancy and radiance that set him apart. The album is marked by a meditative quality, as on "Feather's Flight," a composition weaved around a hypnotic eight-note bass pattern. On "Campfire Remembrance," major- and minor-key turns create a compelling tension, until the final notes dissipate like dying embers." ~Louis R. Carlozo, *Christian Century Magazine*, June 14, 2005 Vol. 122, No. 12**

**"[On *Impressions in Black and White*,] Jeff Bjorck plays lovely piano that evokes warm memories from days gone by." ~Marius-Christian Burcea, Producer/Host "Journeys to the Infinite," Delta RFI, Bucharest, Romania**

**"*Impressions in Black and White* is...a mostly peaceful solo piano album, with a few more upbeat and energetic pieces that allow us to see another side of Bjorck's musical personality....[This] is one of those albums that gets better the more you listen to it - I like that kind of complexity! There is always something new each time you hear it. Recommended!" ~Kathy Parsons, Mainlypiano.com**

**"Jeff Bjorck's touch on the keys and songwriting skills show such love and heart, listening to his music is like falling in love again!" ~Renee Gelpi, Galaxie CBC Digital Radio Network**

**"Jeff Bjorck is definitely out of the Mainstream...and that's good! For those who crave peace and contemplation in a frenetic world, I couldn't think of a better place to begin...[than *Impressions in Black and White*]" ~Capt. Christopher, Cheezmuzik Director, WTUL Radio, New Orleans**

# PURE PIANOPANORAMAS

"Jeff Bjorck's follow-up to his debut, *Pure Piano Portraits*, is stunning....The earlier *Portraits* is an excellent album, but the artistic growth and emotional depth in *Panoramas* are amazing! A clinical psychologist, researcher, and professor at a theological seminary in southern California, Jeff's understanding of the human psyche as well as his own deeply spiritual nature come through with a bold confidence and assurance that is lacking in a lot of so-called new age piano recordings....As a piano teacher who listens to solo piano for a living, it takes something very special to knock me out, and this is it! One of my favorite albums for the year 2000, it will continue to be a favorite for years to come. I give *Panoramas* my highest recommendation!

~Kathy Parsons, *Mainlypiano.com* ~

"Jeff Bjorck has crafted an excellent follow-up to his 1999 debut, *Pure Piano Portraits*. The 11 tracks of solo piano...are similar to some of George Winston's earlier work, a la *December*, but Bjorck's music is more contemplative... This is a fine disc for massage sessions, as it never becomes too loud, and always maintains its relaxing pace."

~Matt Borghi, *reviewer for Massage Magazine (May/June 2002)* ~ ~

"Once upon a time I held to the belief that the vast majority of solo piano recordings were, for the most part, self-indulgent works wherein the artist merely plays the piano. Yet there are, albeit few and far between, those discs that are rare gems which actually portray the resonant soul of both the piano and the artist. The jewel case for *Pure Piano Panoramas* is one such release containing that elusive rare pearl of real piano music."

~Bear, *radio host of The New Age Sampler* ~ ~

"Jeff's CD *Pure Piano Panoramas* is perfect music for relaxation, full of soothing and beautiful melodies. I highly recommend it and find it comparable to George Winston's music. It has been in HEAVY rotation here at KASU."

~Marty Scarbrough, *program director for KASU 91.9 FM* ~ ~

"[*Pure Piano Panoramas*] is a lovely concert of piano music for the soul....This composer has found his own voice and it is a good one....I only wonder why Amazon.com chooses to put this in the Popular section when it obviously belongs with the Classical."

~Frank Behrens, *Top 10 Reviewer at AMAZON.COM from Keene, NH* ~

"[*Pure Piano Panoramas* is] genuine art. Jeff's second released CD is excellent. His first was wonderful, and this new one takes his art a clear step further....much of it sounds like emotion poured straight into the piano; very compelling music is what results....This is one of my favorite piano recordings in a sizable collection. It truly stands out. Finally, it can be as relaxing as it is compelling

~Jeff Fischer, *Author and Co-founder for Complete Growth Investor.com*.

"This album is indeed 'quiet music to calm the heart in a noisy world.' In the spirit of David Lanz, George Winston, and Jim Brickman, Jeff has put emotion to music. You can painstakingly analyze each cut....or you can just let the music play. This is all refreshingly original music; you won't find it anywhere else...Before you shell out a hundred bucks an hour for a shrink, turn out the lights, sit back, and put *Pure Piano Panoramas* on....It is just what the doctor ordered... to calm the heart."

~Hershel M. Chicowitz, *Host of Baby Boomers Headquarters (BBHQ.COM)*

# PURE PIANO PORTRAITS

"Jeff Bjorck's compositions are elegant and emotionally moving. The classical flavor of these contemporary pieces makes them well suited to our listeners' tastes. We are glad to include *Pure Piano Portraits* in our play lists."

~~*Bob Wennersten, Program Director for KMZRT 105.1 FM, Los Angeles*~~

"Bjorck has developed an approach...with just the right balance of ornamentation and serene space. These original songs interweave fragility with fervor. The subtle use of tension and relaxation of the harmonic progressions give the recording fluid movement and direction. This free-flowing music creates an excellent ambiance for receiving a massage."

~~*M. Jeffrey Schmidt: MASSAGE MAGAZINE*~~

"Upon first hearing PURE PIANO PORTRAITS, I found myself an instant fan. I listened three times to the full CD in one day, including during a dinner party where it set the perfect tone.

~~*David Gardner, Author and Co-Founder of The Motley Fool web site*~~

"Pure Piano Portraits is just that! Each track on this album by Dr. Jeff Bjorck is a soundscape that takes you away to that place in your mind where you feel safe and protected...This album is full of powerful emotions and sensitive moments that reach out, touch the heart, and grab the soul. We at Innervisions are very glad to include Pure Piano Portraits in our programming!"

~~*Dave Butler, radio host of InnerVisions 1420 WHBN*~~

"Each of the twelve pieces [on this CD] is a soothing breath of fresh air....A gentle serenity is present in each of the pieces, as is a sense of optimism and moving forward... Simple, heartfelt melodies with a classical feel give the CD a very calm, pensive mood throughout....This is a very fine piano album, and I strongly recommend it!"

~~*Kathy Parsons, writer for Mainlypiano.com*~~

"I have enjoyed Pure Piano Portraits immensely! It is a welcome addition to my program and made the Top 20 play list for May, 1999."

~~*Doug McCorkle, host of Sunday Morning Cafe radio program, WVKR 91.3FM*~~

"My personal favorite Pure Piano Portraits tracks are "Mountain Echoes" and "Twilight." They both have the "air" around the instruments voice that I personally value so much. They "breathe" and transport the listener effortlessly to another place. Jeff's CD is a very a welcome addition to NAS."

~~*BEAR, host of New Age Sampler radio program, 90FM WWSP*~~

"Jeff Bjorck's music is very relaxing and definitely worth hearing, which is why Pure Piano Portraits made my top 20 for March of 1999."

~~*Tani Chen, host of Dreams of a New Age radio program, 88.1FM WMBR*~~

"Pure Piano Portraits made the delivery room a truly relaxing place for me as we welcomed our new baby into the world! Since then, it has provided the perfect nap time lullabies for our little girl."

~~*Jennifer Davis, Pasadena, CA*~~

"Jeff Bjorck's piano is a magic! It goes directly into your body and mind."

~~*Shlomo Israel, radio producer for IBA (Israel Broadcasting Authority) and teacher at Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel*~~