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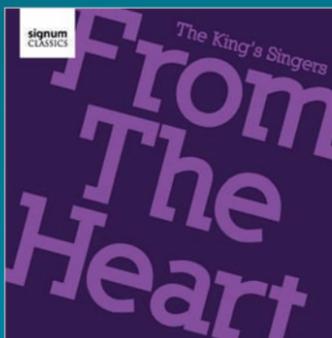
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1. Swimming over London	Bob Chilcott & Charles Bennett	[3.16]
2. I'm yours	Jason Mraz arr. Philip Lawson	[3.39]
3. Angel	Sarah McLachlan arr. Roger Treece	[5.31]
4. By the time	Mika (Michael Penniman) arr. Philip Lawson	[3.16]
5. September 15th / Keeper of the seasons	Pat Metheny & Lyle Mays, lyrics: Don Rosler, arr. Roger Treece Roger Treece, add'l lyrics: Don Rosler & Linda Goldstein	[7.51]
6. It's a new world	Harold Arlen & Ira Gershwin arr. Richard Rodney Bennett	[4.03]
7. Don't let go	Ysaye M. Barnwell	[4.12]
8. Hide and seek	Imogen Heap arr. Christopher Gabbitas	[5.14]
9. Lazy bones / Up a lazy river	Hoagy Carmichael, Johnny Mercer & Sidney Arodin arr. Daryl Runswick	[4.54]
10. Andromeda	Mia Makaroff	[4.18]

11. Recipe for love	Harry Connick, Jr arr. Berty Rice	[3.06]
12. Silent love	Mia Makaroff	[3.25]
13. Straighten up and fly right	Nat King Cole & Irving Mills arr. Alexander L'Estrange	[4.06]
14. Home	Michael Bublé, Amy Foster-Gillies & Alan Chang arr. Alexander L'Estrange	[3.57]
Total Timings		[60.49]

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It has been a great pleasure for us to create this album of jazz-inspired songs. Included in the playlist are five brand-new, original songs, which we have commissioned for this disc.

Two come from the Finnish songwriter Mia Makaroff. A few years back we heard one of her songs, *Butterfly*, performed by the Finnish group Rajaton, and when we were planning the playlist her name came to mind. Later on down the line she said she had two ideas, and was struggling to decide between them, hence the two songs. We also asked Ysaye M. Barnwell, one of the singers in the internationally acclaimed a cappella ensemble Sweet Honey in the Rock, and she provided us with a wonderful Caribbean-influenced track.

The album's title track, *Swimming over London*, was created by former King's Singer, Bob Chilcott, a well-renowned choral composer, who was in former times a prolific arranger and occasional songwriter. Our last original song comes from the New York-based composer, arranger and producer, Roger Treece. "In addition to arranging and composing for ensembles from the Manhattan Transfer to the

Danish Radio Symphony, Roger has collaborated closely with Bobby McFerrin since 2002, both as a member of Voicestra and as a co-composer and producer of the recently released choral album VOCABuLarieS. For this album, in addition to his new song *Keeper of the Seasons*, he has arranged two contrasting songs; Sarah McLachlan's beautiful *Angel* and Pat Metheny's *September 15th*.

In amongst all these new songs are some King's Singers favourites, including *Recipe for Love* and *It's a new world*, along with newly arranged versions of *Straighten up and fly right* and *Home* by Alexander L'Estrange, and, from within the group, new arrangements by Philip and Christopher.

We hope you will enjoy listening to this disc as much as we enjoyed making it.

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The King's Singers will give concerts at London's Cadogan Hall, Manchester's Bridgewater Hall, York, Oxford, the Sage Gateshead and the Royal Albert Hall, London. Their extensive touring schedule will take them to the USA, throughout Europe and Scandinavia. They will also give concerts in Japan, China, Taiwan and South Korea.

With a discography of well over 100 recordings The King's Singers have garnered both awards and significant critical acclaim. Their recent studio album *Simple Gifts* was awarded a Grammy in 2009. A world premiere recording of music for *Vespers* by Pachelbel with Charivari Agréable was released in March 2010. While touring the USA The King's Singers will make an album with renowned Concordia College Choir for release in Summer 2011 which will include KS fortieth anniversary commissions by Eric Whitacre and Bob Chilcott.

The King's Singers maintain a deep commitment to new choral music and have commissioned over 200 works from a host of prominent contemporary composers including Richard Rodney Bennett, Luciano Berio, Peter Maxwell Davies, György Ligeti, Gian Carlo Menotti, Krzysztof Penderecki, Ned Rorem, John Rutter, Toru Takemitsu, and John Tavener. This season The King's Singers will premiere works by Ivan Moody, Gabriela Lena Frank, John McCabe, Bob Chilcott and Eric Whitacre.

The King's Singers have an extraordinary history on television. A favourite of the Mormon Tabernacle Choir, with whom it performed as part of the 2002 Winter Olympics, they appeared on the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's 2007 Christmas Concert to a combined live audience of 80,000 which was television broadcast on PBS across the US and is available on DVD. The King's Singers celebrated their 40th anniversary with a live BBC Proms performance from the Royal Albert Hall. This Midem Award Winning DVD is available from Signum Classics and also includes interviews with the members of The King's Singers.

In addition to their sold-out concerts worldwide, The King's Singers share their artistry through numerous workshops and master classes. They have clocked up phenomenal sales of sheet music with over two million pieces of print in circulation with current publisher Hal Leonard. The King's Singers arrangements are sung by schools, college choirs and amateur and professional ensembles the world over.

Visit www.kingssingers.com for the latest news, blog entries, video blogs, Tweets, podcasts and YouTube updates.

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BIOGRAPHY

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Described by The Times as a group that has "stayed in character over four decades, yet retuned itself to the times" and by Gramophone as "enchanting the ear from first to last note" The King's Singers are truly remarkable. They continue to be one of the most sought-after and critically acclaimed vocal ensembles in the world, performing a rich and varied repertoire from *Gesualdo* to György Ligeti and Michael Bublé. Internationally recognized for their work in the classical field, they retain the sparkle that delights so many fans when they perform much loved numbers from the lighter end of the repertoire. Whatever the music The King's Singers are instantly recognisable for their spot-on intonation, their impeccable vocal blend, the flawless articulation of the text and incisive timing. During their 2009/10 season in the UK



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