CD Overviews

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Works for flute and piano of Louis Moyse
Karen Kevra, flute
Paul Orgel, piano
CRI (CD888)

Flutist and flute enthusiasts who want to expand their repertoire and listening pleasure should get this CD. The performances of flutist Karen Kevra and pianist Paul Orgel are highly polished. The composer, Louis Moyse, a world-class flutist and pianist now in his 90's, is the teacher, mentor, collaborator and friend to Karen Kevra.

Love Letters
David Shostac, flute
Anita Swarengin, piano
Crystal Records (CD314)

David Shostac offers a nice program of flute works. The only contemporary composer featured in this CD is Martin Scot Kosins. His works Love Letters and Winter Moods for unaccompanied flute add a bit of contrast among the traditional works on this CD. David Shostac gives the listener a solid and musical performance.

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A Collection of Five Works
Nancy Galbraith
Albany Records (Troy 556)

Composer Nancy Galbraith's collection of five works are works of artistry. Wind Symphony No. 1 performed by the Carnegie Mellon Wind Ensemble and Piano Sonata No. 1 performed by Patricia Prattis Jennings, pianist with the Pittsburgh Symphony, are worth checking out. Nancy Galbraith's musical palate is rich with excellent melodic lines and rhythmic energy... very impressive.

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