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Recordings

Corky Siegel's Chamber Blues

Complementary Colors (Gadfly)

Gritty Chicago blues and rarified classical chamber music might not seem like a match made in heaven - until you've heard Chicago composer/harmonica virtuoso Corky Siegel bring the two together. He has been doing so in various contexts for more years than he probably cares to remember, but Siegel's Chamber Blues experiment has been his crowning achievement. Siegel's latest recording underscores the point, somehow applying blues scales and phrasings to a chamber music format. It may not be a music that will please purists on either side of the stylistic divide, but for those with open minds and ears, there's no denying the craft, sincerity, and melodic appeal of Siegel's cross-genre experiment.

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