

MEMORIES OF WATER AND LIGHT

SCOTT COSSU

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FILE UNDER NEW AGE, CONTEMPORARY INSTRUMENTAL

This new recording, composed by Scott Cossu, is a collection of compositions that bring to the heart the importance of family and friends. Within it's melodies you will find life's moments that tie them together.

Born of water and into light, we seek the water to refresh our souls and turn our faces to the light to renew us. Our life goes in this circle from birth until our last breath. We have a choice in how we fill this time in between. The passage of time makes it easier to see what is truly important. These songs represent love for those past and present. It brings the elements into the music and into our hearts. Those moments help hold our memories.

This is Scott's 16th recording and was composed to create a sense of peace and heartfelt emotion. His guitarist of 33 years, Van Manakas, plays seamlessly with Scott, and Holly Reeves, Cello, is an inspiration. This trio has been the foundation for some of Scott's most beautiful music since he began recording in 1978. The recording opens with Wedding Lanterns, written for his daughter's wedding. It is full of hope and love that a father has for his child. Another piece, Ascending Angels, is in memory of beloved friends, and musicians, that have passed over the past couple years. Never will they be forgotten and always held close in the heart. The ending composition on the CD, Last Snow, is a beautiful retrospective of a quiet space filled with hope for the future.

FEATURING

Scott Cossu - Piano Van Manakas - Guitar Holly Reeves - Cello

TRACK LISTING

1. Wedding Lanterns [4:21]

2. Memories of Water and Light [3:26]

3. Cerulean Eyes [4:17]

4. Follow your Heart [4:45]

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5. **Here with You** [4:44]

6. Makena [4:20]7. Luminoso [3:59]

8. Ascending Angels [4:54]

9. Lucid Watercolors [3:37]

10. **Last Snow** [3:53]





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Scott Cossu Bio:

Olympia, WA based pianist, composer, recording artist, radio host, and film composer, Scott Cossu has been performing worldwide since 1980, and was one of the first artists to join the Windham Hill Record Label started by Will Ackerman. While on the label for 19 years before Windham Hill was sold to Sony, Cossu received stellar reviews for his 10 chart topping albums, and toured with label mates such as Michael Hedges, Alex De Grassi, George Winston, and others. He has performed around the world and has very fond memories of sold out shows in Spain, Canada, Costa Rica, England, Chile, Italy, and Germany, as well as many in the US, and his compositions have been included on dozens of Windham Hill samplers. Scott graduated from the Ohio University School of Music, as well as from the University of Washington with a degree in Ethnomusicology. In 1990, Scott received the NAMA Music Award for Best New Age music act. In 2000, Scott was given the "Achievement in Music Award" from Ohio University, an honor given once a year to an OU graduate who has made outstanding contributions in Music. He was thrilled to find out in 2010, that the world's largest printed music publisher, Hal Leonard, published a solo piano songbook which included Scott's composition, Purple Mountain where he is in good company being included with artists such as John Lennon, Beethoven and Duke Ellington. Most recently, Scott recorded his 16th recording, "Memories of Water and Light" - a trio with piano, cello (Holly Reeves) and guitar (Van Manakas). It is his second recording on the Heart Dance Records label. His first "Safe in Your Arms" was nominated for Best Piano with Instrumentation 2015 by Zone Music Reporter, and he has been nominated twice by One World Music Radio for a Lifetime Achievement Award. Scott continues to perform and compose new music, tour, and enjoy life with his family in the Pacific Northwest.

Awards:

The NAMA Music Award, from the Northwest Area music Association
Achievement in Music Award from Ohio University School of Music
Nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award from One World Music,
Nominated for Best Piano with Instrumentation, from the Zone Music Reporter 2015, for Safe in Your Arms
Made the top 100 for the year on Zone Music Reporter 2009, for Tides Between Us
Charting on New Horizons #4 of 100 of the year for 1989, for Switchback
Islands charted at #1 for Radio & Records 1985