



FLY THE COOP

Emi Ferguson and Ruckus

Bach Sonatas and Preludes

JOHANN SEBASTIAN BACH (1685-1750)

All arrangements by Emi Ferguson and Ruckus

Press

about fly the coop

"The three intimate concerts I heard on Saturday were blindingly impressive. One fun hour had Emi Ferguson playing Bach's flute sonatas with a six-part continuo band, Ruckus, improvising on the figured bass, a fizzing, daring display of personality and imagination."

David Allen, The New York Times

"Venturing outside the box with American Modern Opera Company's Flutist"

Zoë Madonna, The Boston Globe

"Wit, panache, and the jubilant, virtuosic verve of a bebop-Baroque jam session electrified and illuminated previously candle-lit edifices as Ruckus and friends raised the roof, and my mind's eye will never see those structures in quite the same light again."

CJ Ru, Boston Musical Intelligencier

about emi ferguson

"How a classical musician turned 400-year-old French songs into a modern hit."

Anne Midgette, The Washington Post

"This emotion-packed song-cycle will appeal to fans of all musical genres—rich sounds pair instruments that would have been familiar to an 18th century audience with a modern pop-rock aesthetic."

Peter Jurew, All About Jazz

"The performance was dazzling, its best moments having the quality of a jam session...Ferguson and Daskalakis responded vigorously to the challenge."

Allan Kozinn, Portland Press Herald

about ruckus

"Clay Zeller-Townson, who led the ensemble, drew a vibrant performance from the musicians, achingly delicate one moment, punchy and incisive the next."

Anthony Tommasini, The New York Times

"He was aided by Mark Grey's smoothly disruptive sound design and by the rough-edged intensity of the period-performance ensemble Ruckus, conducted by Clay Zeller-Townson."

Russell Platt, The New Yorker

"Led by Clay Zeller-Townson, the superb period ensemble Ruckus, enriched with electronic and pre-recorded sounds, played from house left yet succeeded in striking a seamless balance between pit and stage."

Steven Jude Tietjen, Opera News