

EDWIN CARR

SONATINA DI MAGGIO

Musette in F or E Flat (Oboe) & Piano



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(1926-2003)

New Zealand composer Edwin Carr was born in Auckland in 1926 and spent a good deal of his life in Europe. He was a prolific composer and wrote four symphonies. There are many other orchestral works, ballets and pieces for chamber ensembles: a wind octet, two string quartets and a quartet for winds and piano. He composed two piano concertos, one for violin, three piano sonatas and a set of ten concert studies for piano. Much of Carr's output has been commercially recorded.

Edwin Carr lived on Waiheke, a large island in the Hauraki Gulf adjoining Auckland harbour. He was an eclectic composer and wrote in a diatonic-modal style as well as a modified serial system in which he sought to reinstate a more sensitive harmonic aesthetic.

Among his latter works was a commission for the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra based upon a monologue by one of New Zealand's best-known writers Bruce Mason. This was a seascape entitled *The End of the Golden Weather*.

In the summer of 1999, Edwin Carr was honoured by the Queen and awarded the MNZM, thus becoming a Member of the New Zealand Order of Merit.

He died on the 27th March 2003, aged 76, in his home on Waiheke Island.



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This work was written for and dedicated to Jennifer Paull in 1997. It is in three movements.

May Day

A high-spirited dance, light-footed in irregular rhythm.

Maytime Romance

Slow, lyrical music with a cadenza before a brief return to the opening material.

Maypole

After the initial pipe and tabor's call to attention, the piano interacts with and imitates the musette's (oboe's) dance tune in inversion over a bagpipe-like drone. Melodies entwine as do ribbons around the maypole and a trumpet-like fanfare signals the end of the dance.

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1997



Works by Edwin Carr published by Amoris International

Four Pieces♦	Ä SI 002
Two Mansfield Poems	Ä SI 003
Prelude & Aria♦	Ä SI 004
Ngataringa Nocturne & Scherzo	Ä CM 003
Waiheke Island♦ - A Suite for Oboe Consort	Ä EN 002
Four Pieces (Orchestral Version)	Ä OR 001

♦Recorded by Jennifer Paull, Oboe d'amore and Read Gainsford, Piano
Oboe d'amore Collection Volume II (Ä SC VII)

♦ Recorded by Jennifer Paull and The Amoris Consort
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