

EDWIN CARR

NGATARINGA
NOCTURNE & SCHERZO

Oboe, Oboe d'amore (Cor anglais) & Piano



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Edwin Carr

(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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Ngataringa Bay is the Maori name of the stretch of water between the headlands of Bayswater and Stanley Point in the Auckland Harbour. There is a haunting beauty when this seascape and headlands are seen on a calm moonlit night, and this serenity is evoked in the opening *Nocturne*.

By contrast the lively triple-time *Scherzo* brings to mind festive harbour side events such as the millennial firework display over Auckland, the 'City of Sails'. I composed this work in 1997 and it was written for and dedicated to Jennifer Paull.

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1997



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