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The Dream Gallery

SEVEN CALIFORNIA PORTRAITS

Mark Abel

1. HELEN (Los Angeles) 11:27
MARY JAEB, soprano
2. TODD (Taft) 10:18
DAVID MARSHMAN, baritone
3. NAOMI (Berkeley) 7:55
JANELLE DeSTEFANO, mezzo soprano
4. CAROL (San Diego) 8:23
DELANEY GIBSON, mezzo soprano
5. LONNIE (Richmond) 10:16
CARVER COSSEY, bass
6. LUZ (Soledad) 9:22
MARTHA JANE WEAVER, contralto
7. ADAM (Arcata) 11:43
TOM ZOHAR, tenor

SHARON LAVERY conducting the
LA BREA SINFONIETTA

At Horizon's Edge

By Lindsay Koob

Paul McCartney's tried it; Elvis Costello, too. So have Sting, Peter Gabriel, and (from the other side of the musical tracks) even Leonard Bernstein. But a maverick California composer named Mark Abel has created what may be the most elegant and persuasive attempt yet to marry classical and rock. So get ready for a unique and powerful listening experience.

The Dream Gallery is an evocative, hard-hitting cycle of songs for soloists and chamber orchestra that explores the inner lives, struggles, illusions and home turf of seven archetypal Californians. The cycle pierces straight to the heart of the human condition, while laying bare the flaws, foibles and sins of the society we all share, Californians or not. With this work, Abel reveals a style – decades in the making – in which the core content of classical and rock has been so thoroughly crossbred as to constitute a new strain of American art song. ...

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TOTAL PLAYING TIME: 69:23



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