



HAPPY BIRTHDAY JOHN!

A CD dedicated to the sounds and silences by John Cage.

John Cage (speaker)

Floraleda Sacchi (harp, prepared harp, toy harp, eBow, voice)

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It is to be released on September 5th the CD **Happy Birthday John!** part of Portraits' Collection (www.portraitscollection.com) by Amadeus Arte. Portrait's Collection is a series in which each CD is dedicated to a contemporary composer who generally writes especially for the release.

"**Happy Birthday John!**" includes the voice of John Cage and was produced with the support of the John Cage Trust.

The voice of John Cage – that exposes his thoughts and events of his life – guides though the listening to this recording that goes beyond genres and focuses on different moments of Cage's composition including pieces written over forty years (from 1942 to 1982).

The CD includes for the first time all the original pieces for harp by John Cage and various pieces indicated by the composer as "for any instrument" and recorded here for the first time with the harp.

The program includes some pieces for prepared harp too: *A Room*, *Primitive* and *Prelude for Meditation*. Transpose the preparation of the harp contained inside the piano on the pedal harp it's an idea by Floraleda Sacchi who first used this technique in 2008 for the piece "A Room" included on the CD *Minimal Harp* (Decca, 2009), which received critical acclaim around the world and started a new genre for the instrument. In this CD the preparation has been revised and expanded with absolutely amazing results.

Also the recording of the *Suite for Toy Piano* on a Toy Harp is a world first.

In the harp piece *Postcard from Heaven*, Flora plays harp with an eBow (as suggested by the composer) and sings obtaining a really new sound world for the harp.

Recording and mix was released by producer and arranger Filadelfo Castro who used special techniques to give more power to silences, analogical delays for a high level result.

Thank you for supporting and promoting this project.

Booklet in Italian and English: www.amadeusarte.com/cagebooklet.pdf

Audio streaming (from Sept. 5): <http://vibedeck.com/portraitscollection/happy-birthday-john>

Video: www.youtube.com/floraleda

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