

From The Palisades
The Newsletter of Palisades Virtuosi
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Palisades Virtuosi New American Masters, Volume 3 Receives Great Reviews and Best of Year Selection



The Palisades Virtuosi has received several fabulous reviews in the November/December 2010 issues of both *Fanfare* and *American Record Guide* magazines for **New American**

Masters, Volume 3. We say several because *Fanfare* included two reviews of the disk in their issue (which also includes a great interview with the ensemble by Michael Cameron, who also very kindly threw in a bonus review of **New American Masters, Volume 2**).

Cameron wrote this about the CD in his review, "The first of this series [**New American Masters, Vol. 1**] received high praise, so it was with keen anticipation that I heard their second installment... Needless to say, performances and recording are of the highest standard, and one is left to wonder why this trio combination has been so neglected. The three performers are as fine as their moniker suggests, and their admirable mission is to build a sizeable repertoire for their instrumentation... There is not a single detail of execution or recorded sound to quibble with here, and fans of all three instruments will find much to admire and emulate."



William Zagorski wrote in his *Fanfare* review, "These performances by the PV are definitive in both the quality of their technical execution and staggering stylistic command.... That is to say that their standard of playing is both masterful and in full support of the contemporary composers who have contributed and will continue to contribute to their growing repertoire."



You can read more excerpts from the *Fanfare* reviews [here](#)

Zagorski also chose **New American Masters, Volume 3** for his annual, best of the year Want List, a particularly high honor for PV. He wrote, "Their performances are technically faultless and illuminating. I chose Volume 3 for my Want List, but Volumes 1 and 2 of this ongoing series are equally meritorious."



American Record Guide also published a terrific review on their November/December 2010 issue. Reviewer David Schwartz

opens with the fact of PV's having commissioned more than 40 works for their instrumentation and moves on to very flattering descriptions of the performances of pieces by Eric Ewazen, Brian Schober, Fred Messner, Dick Hyman, Randall Faust and Ben Model. It closes with this, "This is a delightful program. I think most listeners will (find) the works rewarding, and the Palisades Virtuosi perform them with grace and command."

You can order **New American Masters, Volume 3** (it makes a lovely and thoughtful holiday gift) at www.albanyrecords.com.



2010-2011 Season in Full Swing

Palisades Virtuosi's 2010-2011 is off and running. Just to remind you, their upcoming dates are:

December 17 - Very special Gala Holiday Fundraiser concert at Lambert Castle - www.lambertcastle.com/. More about this at their website.

Sunday January 23, 2011 - the Virtuosi will perform in celebration of composer John Lampkin's 65th birthday at the Carnegie Room series in Nyack, NY. Details available at www.carnegieroom.org/.

March 6 - The Virtuosi will perform at Maurice River Music Concert, Paul Somers' series that he holds in South Jersey. More about information at www.mauricerivermusic.com.

March 26 - 8 PM - at the Unitarian Society of Ridgewood, and with a 7:15 pre-concert talk.

Palisades Virtuosi On Youtube

You Tube The Palisades Virtuosi is on YouTube! See performances of several works they've commissioned on their [channel](#) - Lee Hoiby's [Goodby, Goodby World](#), Joseph Turrin's [Statements](#) - Mvmnt. 1 - [Prelude](#) and Madeleine Dring's [Trio](#) - Mvmnt. 2. More to come. Stay tuned!

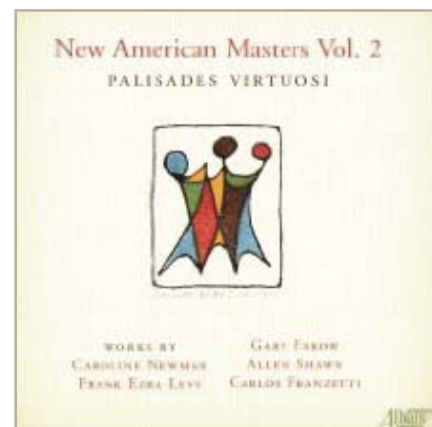
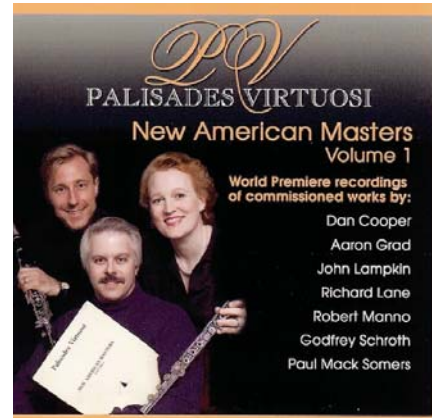
More of The Virtuosi On The Web


Palisades Virtuosi is on [Facebook](#) as well! If you haven't already done so, come join their group and become their friend so you can be kept up on their news and support their ongoing "Mission to Commission."

They're also active on Twitter and MySpace and have greatly enhanced the multimedia aspects of their website and community outreach.

For even more about the Palisades Virtuosi, including group and individual bios of Margaret, Donald and Ron, performances, the **New American Masters** CD series and more, visit www.palisadesvirtuosi.org/. You can also visit their [guestbook](#).

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