



Butterflying: Piano Music by Elena Kats-Chernin (ABC Classics)

Performed by ARIA Award-winner **Tamara-Anna Cislowska** and the composer herself, *Butterflying* is the first major survey of the piano music of Elena Kats-Chernin.

Ever since her childhood in Uzbekistan, the piano has been – in her own words – Kats-Chernin’s ‘best friend’. At the age of six she wrote her first piano piece, *Lullaby*, which she later revised for her youngest son and is presented on this album as *Lullaby for Nick*. From this work to pieces written in 2015, *Butterflying* presents the full range of Kats-Chernin’s extraordinary compositional palette: **irresistibly lyrical works** such as *Waltz of Things Past* and *Butterflying* (originally composed for the opening ceremony of the 2003 Rugby World Cup), **dramatic and moving works** such as *Vocalise* and *For Richard*, and **iconic works** such as *Eliza Aria* and *Slicked Back Tango*. The album features **14 world premiere recordings**.

Many of the pieces are performed solo by Tamara-Anna Cislowska. Others are presented in versions for piano four hands, with Elena joining Tamara at the instrument to celebrate their long-standing friendship and collaboration in thrilling performances which are half-composed, half-improvised.

Born and raised in Uzbekistan and now a resident of Australia, **Elena Kats-Chernin** is one of the world’s best-loved and most prolific composers. Her music featured at the opening ceremonies of the 2000 Sydney Olympic Games and the 2003 Rugby World Cup, whilst her *Eliza Aria* became known to a generation of Britons when it was featured in the Lloyds TSB ‘For the Journey’ ad campaign. In 2015 her widely-praised opera *The Divorce* was premiered on ABC TV.

Tamara-Anna Cislowska is one of Australia’s most acclaimed pianists, and winner of the 2015 ARIA Award for ‘Best Classical Album’ for her survey of the solo piano music of Peter Sculthorpe – an album which also won ‘Editor’s Choice’ in *BBC Music Magazine* and was described as ‘a profoundly affecting release’ by *Gramophone* magazine. Tamara will be guest commentator for SIPCA on ABC Classic FM.

Album available 6 May 2016 | 2CD digi | ABC 481 2625

UPCOMING TOUR DATES:

Sydney: Wednesday 11 May, 12pm The Concourse, Chatswood [\[tickets here\]](#)

Newcastle: Saturday 4 June, 7:30pm Adamstown Uniting Church (Tamara only) [\[tickets here\]](#)

NSW Central Coast: Saturday 10 June, 7:30pm Pearl Beach Music Festival (Tamara) [02 43431355]

Kangaroo Valley (NSW): Sunday 26 June, 11:30am Kangaroo Valley Arts Festival [\[tickets here\]](#)

Melbourne: Friday 1 July, 6pm at Melbourne Recital Centre [\[tickets here\]](#)

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TRACKLISTING

Butterflying

Piano Music by Elena Kats-Chernin

CD1

1. **Butterflying**
2. **Afterwards**
3. **Conversation**
4. **Russian Rag in A minor**
5. **For Richard**
6. **All Things Conspire**
7. **Eliza Aria**
8. **The Rain Puzzle**
9. **Vocalise**
10. **Lullaby for Nick**
11. **Waltz of Things Past**
12. **Cinema**
13. **Marcato**
14. **Slicked Back Tango**
15. **Blue Tears**
16. **Autumn**
17. **Black Tie**

CD2

1. **Dance of the Paper Umbrellas**
2. **Scherzino**
3. **Blue Silence**
4. **Zerno**
5. **Play Properly**
6. **Russian Toccata**
7. **Adrift**
8. **Naive Waltz**
9. **Chorale**
10. **Schubert Blues**
11. **The Rain Puzzle: Many Hands Remix**
- 12–14. **Sunshine Journal**

Featuring 14 world premiere recordings.

Tamara-Anna Cislowska piano

Works for piano four hands: **Tamara-Anna Cislowska and Elena Kats-Chernin piano**

SUGGESTED TRACKS

CD 1:

1. Butterflying (4'10)
4. Russian Rag (3'12)
5. For Richard (7'05)
7. Eliza's Aria (4'47)

9. Vocalise (10'05)

CD 2:

2. Scherzino (5'41)
11. The Rain Puzzle: Many Hands Remix (4'48')

Audio available for CD1 tracks 1, 4, 7 on Soundcloud: <http://ab.co/Butterflying>

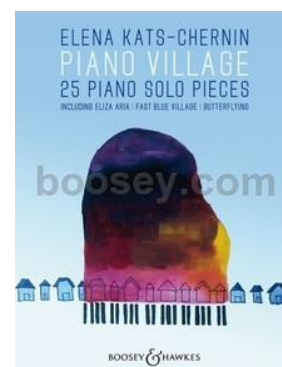
Tamara-Anna Cislowska website www.tamara-annacislowska.com.au

Elena Kats-Chernin on [Boosey & Hawkes page](#)

Butterflying featured in [Limelight Magazine](#) and [Fine Music Magazine](#) May 2016

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New book: '**PIANO VILLAGE**' - a collection of piano works by Elena Kats-Chernin, many of which feature on the **Butterflying** album.
Curated by Tamara-Anna Cislowska.



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