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**CLASSICAL**  
**ELENA KATS-CHERNIN**  
**& TAMARA-ANNA**  
**CISLOWSKA**  
**Butterflying. Piano Music**  
**by Elena Kats-Chernin**  
(ABC Classics)

★★★★★

Pianists Elena Kats-Chernin and Tamara-Anna Cislowska began an Australian recital tour in April at Brisbane's Sandgate Town Hall with formidable performances of Kats-Chernin compositions featured on this new two-disc set that includes 14 recordings. Detailed clarity and vibrant energy makes every note a winner. Cislowska's robust delivery of *Schubert Blues*, drawing on *Schubert's Death* and *The Maiden*, encompasses the piano's full expressive range. Other musical treasures include *Dance of the*



*Paper Umbrellas* and *Russian Rag*. The composer touches depths of human emotion and sorrow in special creations such as *Vocalise* for Melbourne's Mental Health Institute, in *Lullaby for Nick* and *Blue Silence*, dedicated to her son Alexander and other schizophrenia sufferers. But the poignancy of *For Richard*, in memory of young Brisbane violinist Richard Pollett, is special for Queenslanders.

**PATRICIA KELLY**