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DAVID STOCK (b. 1939)

1. *A Little Miracle* (1997) 30:03

Elizabeth Shammash, mezzo-soprano
Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin*
Gerard Schwarz, conductor

2. *Yizkor* (1999) 10:04

Seattle Symphony
Gerard Schwarz, conductor

Tekiah (1987)

3. I. Light, airy, propulsive 6:12

4. II. Warm, flexible tempo; 8:08 Fleeting, scurrying

5. III. With energy, relentlessly 4:59

Stephen Burns, trumpet
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble
David Stock, conductor

6. *Y'rusha* (1986) 16:28

Richard Stoltzman, clarinet
Pittsburgh New Music Ensemble
David Stock, conductor

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American Jewish Music

"I am saved by a miracle, a simple song."

David Stock's dramatic cantata for mezzo-soprano and orchestra, *A Little Miracle*, has been described by its librettist, Bess Weldon, as an "operatic monodrama." The story is her own creation, but it plays out against the very real and familiar theme of parent and child hiding and attempting to escape during the German war of annihilation against Europe's Jews. Here, the tale is woven around the dual miracle of birth itself and of survival through the faith and courage sustained by the memory of a mother's song.

Also featured on this CD are the Judaically inspired instrumental works *Tekiah* and *Y'rusha* that showcase the virtuosity of the celebrated soloists Stephen Burns and Richard Stoltzman.



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