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**Title:**  
**John Cage**  
 (1912-1992)  
**Trombone & Piano**

**Musicians:**  
 Mike Svoboda, trombone  
 Steffen Schleiermacher, piano

**1 CD**

**Order Number:**  
 MDG 613 1510-2

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### Inspiring Partnership

Steffen Schleiermacher's complete edition of the piano compositions of John Cage brought him major notice, numerous prizes, and his international breakthrough. He now complements his discography with an excellent recording of three compositions by Cage for piano and trombone. One of the most important interpreters of contemporary music today rounds off his extensive repertoire in an inspiring partnership with the superbly creative American trombonist Mike Svoboda.

### Artistic Preferences

John Cage cannot have assigned great importance to the trombone, given the fact that it is involved in only three of his more than 250 compositions. Or it may have been that trombone fans did not come to him with open wallets – for Cage, like all composers, preferred paying customers.

### Personal Encounter

Mike Svoboda's memorable encounter with John Cage in 1990 offers some telling evidence about the place of trombone pieces in his oeuvre. Svoboda, a glowing admirer of Cage's music, asked him for some tips for the expansion of his then singular Cage repertoire; but the composer had to pass, explaining that he had recently written so many pieces that he could not remember all of them.

### Thought Processes

The three compositions recorded here are nevertheless typical of Cage's music. Steffen

Schleiermacher impressively described how he and Svoboda had to think through the composer's prescriptions in order to fill in the free performance space offered to them by him. The result is once again a listening must!

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