

# CLASSICAL ★ CDS

## BRASS ENSEMBLE

### Passion for Brass

Brassroots - London's preeminent brass ensemble - released its seventh studio recording recently, in commemoration of the group's 30th anniversary. Longtime fans should be quite enamored with this new compilation, as it presents a compelling selection of repertoire and demonstrates the top notch musicianship for which Brassroots has become known. Opening with the poignant regality of 'His Majesty's Sackbuts and Cornetts' – written by 17th century composer Matthew Locke – the recording carries listeners across the years, with a program that includes older works by Giovanni Gabrielli and Tylman Susato, as well as more modern compositions by Gareth Wood (the tempestuous 'Tientos y Danzas'), Tony Snyder (gentle 'Point Pelee') and Jeff Christmas (the meditative 'Fletcher Lake'). Energy rises mid-disc, with a performance of Jimmy Smith's 'The Cat', in which B-3 organ and percussion play prominent roles, as well as Bill Conti's 'Gonna Fly Now', a piece more popularly known as the theme from Rocky. No matter the era, the musicians of Brassroots demonstrate a deep understanding of horn music, wherever it originates. It's just one more reason to recognize them as the cultural ambassadors that they are. A brilliant effort.



– Chris Morgan

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