

Craig and Kara Markley

Review Excerpts

“.....the young violinist/singer, Kara, was kind of like a Celtic Alison Kraus. I can't think of when we've gotten a better audience response. Many positive comments and applause.”

-Borders Books and Music Cafe

“I can't tell you how much I enjoyed your performance. The crowds here at the library enjoyed you as well, and we had comment after comment.”

-Richland County Library

“This CD knocked me on the floor. I'm still there. Buy it. I have not stopped listening to this drop-dead gorgeous CD. It's great listening, honest, and devoid of flashiness and gimmicks. Just great songs, lovingly and skillfully played. This recording has heart. I could go on. I love this CD and I highly, highly recommend it.”

-Chiff and Fipple

“Really, really enjoyed seeing and hearing you today. You had the honor of having a large crowd and then keeping them for the entire afternoon. That is indeed a rare occurrence. Some of our HOO fans who were there were quite impressed with the event.”

-Highlands of Ohio

“His self-penned tunes including the title track and The Breeze on Lake Ainslee are both evocative and musically sensual. Boba's Bounty, a set of Breton tunes, emerges with an exotic almost Eastern aura, and songs like Mother Beware and Our Father's Garden display a sensitivity of touch and thoughtful sentiments expressed with a quiet eloquence. Though predominantly music for quieter moments The Lone Raven is certainly not somnambulant- it is highly articulate and expertly crafted.”

-Folk Roots

“Every attendee with whom I talked thought all of you were fantastic, and a musician member of our extended family repeatedly commented about how superb Kara was on the violin (We think her voice is excellent as well).”

-Washington Courthouse

“The music is beautiful and the CD sounds great. I enjoy everything on the recording and love the pipes, whistles, all of the percussion instruments, not to mention Kara's gorgeous voice and fiddle. I am a huge fan of traditional music forms; the CD made my day yesterday and I want to share your music with a few of my friends.”

-TransAmerica Audio Group

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“Boy, you guys REALLY sound great. The voices and instruments are beautiful and the balance is great.....GOOD JOB! I can appreciate how much time went into this!”

-Bernice Miller/Tower Brass

“We are so glad you had fun and that the night was such a huge success. We also heard many compliments, and more than one person said you guys could have played on any stage in the world that night. My feet haven't touched the ground since the sound check. Thank you for bringing your friends and putting on such an incredible show.”

-Shamrock Club

“From the opening call of "The Lone Raven" to the chant-like harmonies of a "Trip to Toboso" this album is a subtle masterpiece of traditional and original Celtic melodies. Markley has created a delightful romp through a world where musical cultures blend seamlessly with one another and gain benefit from his ability to make variety both accessible and highly enjoyable. The Lone Raven is at the same time an American creation and a child of the entire globe. This is a highly recommended musical journey that brings ages past into a fresh, shimmering new light without losing any of the original intensity by over-polishing. All in all, it's at both crisp and professional, yet, when you close your eyes and listen, you feel very much like part of the tribe...sitting about the campfire on a cool autumn night.”

-Caliban Press

“You all were quite the hit. Everyone loved your music and people are still talking about it. We had one of our friends say, "they will be playing at one of our daughter's weddings". Truly, everyone loved you guys. The great reviews haven't stopped.”

-2004 Wedding Ceremony

“Your music is so clean and original and seems to find it's way to the stereo almost every day! The more I listen to it the more I want to share it.”

-Chris Daniels/RCDD

“Your performance was fantastic. You all work together so well, and bring forth such musical quality and harmony. Kara's voice was a pillar of strength.”

-Jeff Mavis

“THANK YOU for helping our daughter and son-in-law's wedding be such a unbelievably wonderful experience. I only wish I could have heard all of the music, as everyone raved about how beautiful it was.”

-2005 Wedding Ceremony

