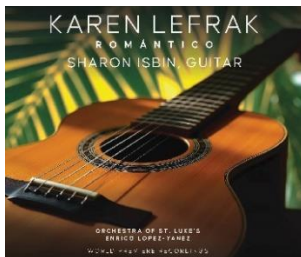


ROMÁNTICO

SHARON ISBIN, guitar with Orchestra of St. Luke's / Enrico Lopez-Yañez, conductor
World Premiere Recordings: *Miami Concerto, Habanera Nights, Urban Tango* by Karen LeFrak

***** 2026 GRAMMY AWARD Producer of the Year, Classical for producer Elaine Martone *****
#1 most popular 2025 APM feature - SiriusXM Album of the Week - #2 Amazon Bestseller



"Exquisite recording of LeFrak's masterful works. Isbin's playing is exhilarating, extroverted and virtuosic. She cultivates a beautiful, poetic tone with an orchestral touch and unique palette of colour, sensuously liquid ... One of the most versatile musicians playing on stage today." **World Music Report**

#1 most popular feature of 2025 on American Public Media's *New Classical Tracks*! "A wonderful recording!" **APM/MPR**

"Luscious strings, beautiful scoring ... Isbin plays expressively ... buoyantly energetic. It is heartening to see the collaboration between an important performer and a composer willing to try new ideas with the guitar." **American Record Guide**

"A masterfully intricate yet majestically performed work of tender, intimate grace, sweeping emotional power and wildly passionate expression. LeFrak's impactful musical vision is brought to life by Isbin's rich, melodic storytelling and hypnotic finger work." **JWVibe**

"World premiere recordings of three works based around Cuban rhythms, *Romántico* features the exquisite classical guitar work of the reliably great Sharon Isbin. I would not be at all surprised to find this concerto being performed quite often. Isbin's playing is tasteful and imaginative throughout." **Acoustic Guitar Magazine**

"Romántico seduces for its nostalgic warmth and beauty ... the performance proves irresistible" **Textura**

"Afro-Cuban culture comes to the fore in the thrilling final movement ... Gorgeous new concerto." **SAKennedymusic.com**

"Fabulous music ... Isbin's guitar playing is incredible!" **BBC3/UK**

"The great guitarist Sharon Isbin pays a vibrant tribute to Miami's musical heritage in the sublime world premiere of LeFrak's *Miami Concerto*. Isbin has brought her instrument to prominence through remarkable premieres and collaborations, a true ambassador of the guitar." **Radio France/France Musique**

"Isbin's performance is stunning!" **WQED-FM**

"Awesome, wonderful recording!" **KUCI-FM**

"A perfect blend between classical and world pop music. The performance is excellent." **Passion Musique et Culture/Canada**

"Romantico is terrific!" **WFWM-FM**

"Miami Concerto is brilliant and the chamber works are exquisite" **KUCO-FM**

Concert reviews:

"Among this season's recital highlights are some big winners...Isbin's exquisitely detailed performances...shading and caressing...A heartfelt slow movement, titled "Romántico" lovely enough to stand on its own." **Aspen Times** on **Aspen Music Festival**

"Rousing applause and standing ovation...the three-movement work is filled with catchy tunes that evoke Miami's musical culture. The music perfectly matched the lovely summer evening." **Oregon ArtsWatch** on **Vancouver WA Arts & Music Festival** (audience 5000+)