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STEPHEN BUCHANAN Improvisations for Classical Guitar

BUCHANAN'S GUITAR MAY BE CLASSICAL, but his style certainly isn't. Except for duets with Fred Frith and Chris Cochrane and a "Surplus Sax Surprise," all 30 improvisations on this cassette are guitar solos spanning the past ten years. Buchanan's style ranges from flamenco to effect-laden psychedelia, with all original twists. His skill is immaculate and his fingers are furious, whether he's picking at the neck of the guitar or banging away on the wood.

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