



## ADMIRAL LAUNCH DUO

Saxophonist Jonathan Hulting-Cohen and harpist Jennifer R. Ellis release their debut recording December 1

**Launch** features works by Ida Gotkovsky, Marcel Tournier, Yusef Lateef, and others

Plus: World premiere recordings and works written especially for Admiral Launch Duo by Angélica Negrón, Christine Delphine Hedden, and more

The combination of saxophone and harp is as beautiful as it is unlikely. When saxophonist Jonathan Hulting-Cohen and harpist Jennifer R. Ellis - collectively known as **Admiral Launch Duo** - first played together, they were captivated by the lovely timbres produced by these two exceptionally expressive instruments, and intrigued by the vast range of sounds they could create together.

**On December 1, 2018, Admiral Launch Duo releases its debut album, *Launch*, on Albany Records (TROY1752).** The recording features the world premiere recordings of works by Natalie Moller, Patrick O'Malley, Christine Delphine Hedden, Stephen Rush, Angélica Negrón and Jasper Sussman, most of which were commissioned by the Duo.



*Admiral Launch Duo*

This recording also includes two transcriptions: Ida Gotkovsky's *Eolienne*, originally written for flute and harp, was arranged for saxophone by the composer. Marcel Tournier's *La Lettre du Jardinier* was originally composed for voice and harp in 1912, and Jonathan Hulting-Cohen and Jennifer Ellis perform the arrangement they created for themselves.

Named for the admiral butterfly and launched at the Fresh Inc Festival in 2013, Admiral Launch Duo has since appeared at venues coast-to-coast, from San Francisco's Center for New Music to Spectrum NYC. Saxophonist [Jonathan Hulting-Cohen](#) is co-founder of The Moanin' Frogs and assistant professor at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Harpist [Jennifer R. Ellis](#) has premiered over 80 works and has served as the first-ever harpist with OneBeat, Bang on a Can Summer Music Festival, and Splice Institute.

Reflecting on the unusual instrumental combination, Jennifer Ellis says "the timbres blend beautifully. It's one of those things that sounds crazy until you actually try it, and then you think, 'Why haven't I done this before?'"

Admiral Launch Duo's debut recording, *Launch* (TROY1752), is available online and in stores beginning December 1, 2018.

# Admiral Launch Duo

## "Launch"

[Albany Records](#) TROY1752

Release date: December 1, 2018

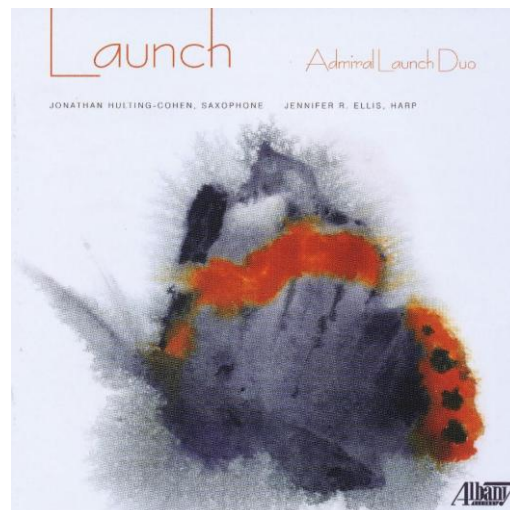
Jonathan Hulting-Cohen, saxophone  
Jennifer R. Ellis, Harp

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- [1-5] Ida Gotkovsky (b. 1933): *Eolienne* (1969)
- [6] Natalie Moller (b. 1990): *starshine & moonfall* (2014) #\*
- [7-9] Patrick O'Malley (b. 1989): *Thaumaturgy* (2015) #\*
- [10] Christine Delphine Hedden (b. 1990): *Amhrán na Cásca* (2014) #\*
- [11] Stephen Rush (b. 1958): *Whirlwind* (2015) #
- [12] Angélica Negrón (b. 1981): *Still Here* (2017) #\*
- [13] Jasper Sussman (b. 1989): *...nice box! "Oh So Square"* (2014) #\*
- [14-16] Yusef A. Lateef (1920-2013): *Romance* (1991)
- [17] Marcel Tournier (1879-1951): *La Lettre du Jardinier* (1912)
- [18] Christine Delphine Hedden (b. 1990): *Kitchen Dance* (2015) #

Suggested tracks for broadcast - 1-5, 11, 15, 17

# = premiere recording

\* = work composed for Admiral Launch Duo



*Jonathan Hulting-Cohen*



*Jennifer R. Ellis*