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BIRGIT ULHER & LEONEL KAPLAN Stereo Trumpet

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BIRGIT ULHER & LEONEL KAPLAN - Stereo Trumpet (Relative Pitch 1030; USA)
Featuring Leonel Kaplan on trumpet (in the right channel) and Birgit Uhler on trumpet, radio, speaker & objects (left channel). The Positive Pitch label has a mission to seek out musicians who often break through barriers and confound expectations, no matter how known or little known they may be. Consider this trumpet duo. German trumpeter Birgit Uhler can be found on more than a dozen disc with collaborators like Gino Robair, Roger Turner, Damon Smith and Steve Hubback. I know Argentina-based trumpeter Leonel Kaplan from very few discs although he has worked with Axel Dorner, Nate Wooley and Audrey Chen. This disc deals with Erstwhile-like subtly, breath-like wind sounds and minute manipulations. Some of these sounds are harder to describe or figure out. Tapping on parts of the trumpet and/or holding a thin sheet of metal to use a mute (something I've seen Nate Wooley do at times) is what seems to be going on. What I find most interesting is that although I can't tell what is going on at times, the results are consistently engaging, somewhat disorienting and often breath-taking. This duo know how to create a sense of drama or suspense, altering the scenery as they go. - Bruce Lee Gallanter, DMG