



## Ivy-Cheston Duo

## Drene Ivy and Sharon Brown Cheston

## Playing arrangements for 2 pianos, 4 hands and double piano concerto/orchestra venues

An energetic, soul-stirring duo, demonstrating innovative use of the beautiful, full texture of two pianos, playing imaginative arrangements that merge the "classical tradition" with the sophisticated harmonic language of jazz and the elaborate rhythms of the African-American church

**Ivy**, primary arranger for the duo, employs "...that sparkling mixture of traditional Gospel feeling and complex jazz harmonies...I'm more a fan now than ever!"

Kirk Whalum, Saxophonist and Multi-Grammy Nomination recipient and recording artist on Columbia, Warner Brothers, and Rendezvous Music labels

Brown Cheston's creative contributions to the duo's arrangements showcase her piano roots in the African-American Church, her conservatory training, and her success as a composer of scores for musical theater..."With its jazzy Broadway-quality score...Brown's score, for instance, includes intricate musical passages..."

Joanna Conners, Theater Critic-Cleveland Plain Dealer

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