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KEN ELKINSON – MUSIC FOR COMMUTING AUGUST SON (2011)

Born in Cedar Grove, New Jersey in 1972, Ken Elkinson played piano in Atlanta bars and restaurants before moving to New York City to further his musical career and release his first two albums. He later moved to Los Angeles, California, where he released several more albums, including Cue and Link. After 33 years of all piano all the time, Ken Elkinson is shaking things up by releasing this six CD box set of ambient music. Don't be fooled by the title, Music For Commuting is not just intended for commuting through traffic, but is intended 'for commuting through all aspects of life'. Ranging from the dark and droning Monday/Tuesday double CD, to the upbeat 80s inspired synth anthems of Wednesday/Thursday, to the totally futuristic sounds of Friday/Beyond – there is something here for everyone. The project is available as a three double CD box set, individually as three separate double CDs, and digitally by track, album and project. This is a fascinating departure into Brian Eno territory, and the perfect accompaniment when exploring your mind and the world around you. Website: www.kenelkinson.com

- John Pitt