

STEPHEN PAULUS
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Blithely Breezing Along

With *Blithely Breezing Along*, Stephen Paulus honors fellow Minnesotan Michael Barone, host of *Pipedreams*© radio show for organ music, broadcast nationally from Minnesota Public Radio. This piece is the scherzo movement from **Baronian Suite** and is a curious mixture of drama, softshoe, minimalism and toccata, much like Barone himself, who glides seamlessly in his show from profound insight to hilarious commentary. *Blithely Breezing Along* is one of Barone's many colorful expressions that caught the composer's fancy when creating the various movements of the suite.