In 1974, Stockhausen composed the *12 melodies of the star signs* for music boxes and produced them in collaboration with technicians at the Reuge music box factory in Ste. Croix, Switzerland. In 1989 the Reuge family sold the company, and the production of these music boxes was discontinued.

After extended negotiations on the part of Suzanne Stephens, and on the occasion of the composer’s 70th birthday, an agreement was reached for the one-time manufacture of a limited edition. Each of these music boxes were checked by Suzanne Stephens and Antonio Pérez Abellán on location at the factory and adjusted there before they were shipped to Kürt.

This *70th Birthday Edition* is limited to 40 music boxes for each star sign, numbered 1 to 40. They may be ordered directly from the *Stockhausen-Verlag*.

The melodies are encased in light-coloured natural wood boxes measuring 17.7 x 12.1 cm. The notes of the ZODIAC melody – hand-written and signed by the composer – are silk-screened onto the lid of each music box.

**Month**

1. **BEARER OF WATER / AQUARIUS** ............................................. January 21st–February 19th
2. **FISH / PISCES** ............................................................. February 20th–March 20th
3. **RAM / ARIES** ............................................................... March 21st–April 21st
4. **BULL / TAURUS** ............................................................. April 21st–May 21st
5. **TWINS / GEMINI** ........................................................... May 21st–June 21st
6. **CRAB / CANCER** ............................................................. June 22nd–July 23rd
7. **LION / LEO** ................................................................. July 23rd–August 22nd
8. **VIRGIN / VIRGO** ........................................................... August 23rd–September 23rd
9. **BALANCE / LIBRA** ......................................................... September 23rd–October 22nd
10. **SCORPION / SCORPIO** ..................................................... October 23rd–November 21st
11. **ARCHER / SAGITTARIUS** ................................................ November 22nd–December 21st
12. **SEA GOAT / CAPRICORN** ................................................ December 21st–January 20th