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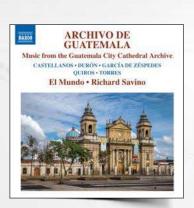
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This Month's Other Highlights







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Sergey PROKOFIEV (1891–1953) Complete Symphonies

São Paulo Symphony Orchestra Marin Alsop

Sergey Prokofiev's seven symphonies are acknowledged as one of the major cycles of the 20th century, and these recordings with Marin Alsop and the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra have received widespread critical acclaim. From the crisp vitality of the youthful 'Classical' Symphony to the viscerally exciting Third, the Fifth Symphony which for Prokofiev represented 'the grandeur of the human spirit', and the deeply moving and heartfelt Sixth Symphony, this is an unforgettable collection crowned by the bitter-sweet Seventh Symphony, the composer's final significant work.

About Marin Alsop, Conductor

A conductor of vision and distinction, Marin Alsop represents a powerful and inspiring voice. Convinced that music has the power to change lives, she is internationally recognised for her innovative approach to programming and audience development, deep commitment to education, and advocacy for music's importance in the world. The 2020-21 season marks Alsop's second year as Chief Conductor of the ORF Vienna Radio Symphony Orchestra, which she leads at Vienna's Konzerthaus and Musikverein. In 2021 she becomes Music Director Laureate and OrchKids Founder at the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra. In 2019, after seven years as Music Director, Alsop became Conductor of Honour of Brazil's São Paulo Symphony Orchestra (OSESP), where she continues conducting major projects each season.



São Paulo Symphony Orchestra



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Key Features:

- Marin Alsop's achievements as a conductor have made her an inspiring and powerful voice in the international music scene. Her recordings for Naxos are too numerous to name, but this acclaimed Prokofiev symphonic cycle joins her acclaimed 8-disc set of the orchestral music of her mentor Leonard Bernstein (8.508018).
- Each single-disc release of this Prokofiev Symphonies edition received wide critical acclaim. Of Symphonies Nos. 1 & 2 (8.573353), Gramophone wrote that 'Alsop's temperate "Classical" Symphony has many delightful touches the finale has just the right kind of fizz and sparkle'. The American Record Guide on the Third Symphony (8.573452): 'breathtaking both the performances and the sound... Along with everything else Naxos is now also an audiophile label!'
- The Fifth Symphony (8.573029) was described as 'an outstanding achievement' by BBC Music Magazine, who also wrote of the Sixth (8.573518) that 'the recording balance is outstanding and the playing of the São Paolo Symphony is exceptionally fine'.
- With the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra, Marin Alsop has also recorded the complete ballet score to Prokofiev's Romeo and Juliet (8.573534-35), 'in an intense, voluptuous and pliant account' according to The Guardian.

Supplementary Marketing Materials:

- Key Release Kit
- Artist Profile Marin Alsop
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WHAT'S INSIDE THE BOX



DISC 1 · 8.573353

'Their performance of the Symphony No. 2 is most impressive and memorable... It's apparent that the musicians really enjoyed this aggressive and volatile piece, and it shows in the first-rate performance.'

- AllMusic.com









DISC 2 · 8.573452

'Alsop has the measure of the symphony's structure, dramatic pacing and emotional content, drawing a bright sound from the São Paulo players.'

– The Daily Telegraph (UK) ★★★★







DISC 3 · 8.573186

'Intelligently programmed and very well played and conducted. The orchestra plays very well throughout, and the sonics are naturally vivid... A fine disc.'

ClassicsToday.com







DISC 4 · 8.573029

'The Fifth Symphony comes up trumps in a dramatic yet highly polished performance... an outstanding achievement."

– BBC Music Magazine ★★★★★















DISC 5 · 8.573518

'The São Paulo players have the music's measure: percussion and winds are ideally present, the movement's stark climax... both thrilling and terrifying.'

- The Arts Desk

RITMO ***



DISC 6 · 8.573620

'This release is probably the strongest in Alsop's entire cycle. There's verve and animation to lift mediocre inspiration to a higher level of enjoyment.'

Fanfare

Other highly acclaimed releases featuring Marin Alsop



'To some viewers and listeners the strongest aspect of these performances will be the narration of conductor Marin Alsop.'

- MusicWeb International



Also available on Blu-ray (NBD0102V)





'A beautifully realised account full of pulse-quickening drama, mischievous wit and heart-onsleeve emotion."

– primephonic ★★★★★















'Here, in one convenient box, are all of Marin Alsop's Bernstein recordings for Naxos - performances as fine as Bernstein's own, and sometimes even better.'

- ClassicsToday.com











ALSO AVAILABLE

Villa-Lobos' symphonies performed by the São Paulo Symphony Orchestra



'Consistently colourful performances and the sound is excellent, as is necessary given the composer's wide-ranging orchestrations.'

- Gramophone















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Rihab Chaieb (Lola) and Brian Jagde (Turiddu) in Cavalleria rusticana

Ruggero LEONCAVALLO (1857–1919) Pagliacci

Libretto by the composer

Ailyn Pérez, Soprano Brandon Jovanovich and Marco Ciaponi, Tenors Roman Burdenko and Mattia Olivieri, Ba<u>ritones</u>

Pietro MASCAGNI (1863-1945)

Cavalleria rusticana Libretto by Giovanni Targioni-Tozzetti and Guido Menasci

Anita Rachvelishvili, Rihab Chaieb and Elena Zilio, Mezzo-sopranos Brian Jagde, Tenor • Roman Burdenko, Baritone Chorus of Dutch National Opera • Netherlands Philharmonic Orchestra Lorenzo Viotti, Conductor • Robert Carsen, Stage Director

These two pinnacles of Italian opera, *Pagliacci* and *Cavalleria rusticana* have it all – love, infidelity, betrayal, jealousy and murder. Both are classic examples of *verismo* operas that dramatise the lives of ordinary people: *Pagliacci* fuelled by the tension between everyday life and the aesthetic world of the stage, *Cavalleria rusticana* juxtaposing unbridled passion with profound faith. Robert Carsen's widely acclaimed 2019 production plays a masterful game of theatre-in-theatre, avoiding clichés and calling into question the nature of reality.



Also available on Blu-ray Video:

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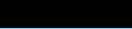
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Key Features:

 Pagliacci and Cavalleria rusticana are two entirely separate one-act operas, but tradition has made them one of the most famous double bills in the history of opera. Cavalleria rusticana is usually placed first, but director Robert Carsen has flipped this tradition by opening with Pagliacci, and this is by no means the only feature of this production that makes it stand out from the crowd.



Robert

Filmed in September 2019, this
 Dutch National Opera production
 was received with wide acclaim:
 'It was an exciting night at the
 opera. Three leading American
 singers were making their
 Dutch National Opera debut
 and powerhouse mezzo Anita



Anita Rachvelishvili

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Roman Burdenko

Rachvelishvili her much-anticipated return. From the first lines of the prologue, sung with dash and finesse by baritone Roman Burdenko, he gets you involved with the characters, all superbly acted.'

 'After conductor Sir Mark Elder was obliged to cancel...Lorenzo Viotti, who is poised to succeed Marc Albrecht as chief conductor...agreed to step in on very short notice. Viotti's interpretation is as fresh and atypical as Carsen's staging, and as a team they confer a new outlook on these venerable classics – hopefully there are more collaborations between them in the future'. (operacanada.ca)



Lorenzo Viotti

Companion Titles –
Previous opera releases from the Dutch National Opera



2.110582 (NBD0081V)



2.110575-76 (NBD0074V)



2.110595 (NBD0091V)



2.110661 (NBD0111V)



Paul WRANITZKY (1756–1808) **Orchestral Works, Vol. 1 Overtures** Symphony in C major

Symphony in B flat major

Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice Marek Štilec

Czech-born Paul Wranitzky, a contemporary of Mozart, was the most important symphonist in Vienna at the turn of the 18th century. To mark the ascension to the throne of Franz II in 1792, Wranitzky wrote the grand Symphony in C major, a work of regal quality and festive exuberance. Wranitzky's mature symphonic style is on display in the Symphony in B flat major, with its expanded orchestral forces, contrasting textures and broad musical invention. Overtures from two operas offer a sampling of Wranitzky's dramatic writing for the stage.

About Marek Štilec, Conductor

Marek Štilec began his musical studies on the violin at the Prague Conservatory and studied conducting with Leoš Svárovský at the Academy of Performing Arts in Prague. Stilec is an alumnus of the International Järvi Academy and Jac van Steen's Emerging Conductors Series, and has participated in the masterclasses of Michael Tilson Thomas and Jorma Panula, among others. He conducts a wide range of leading orchestras, including the New World Symphony, Ulster Orchestra, Das Kurpfälzische Kammerorchester Mannheim, Wiener Concertverein Orchester, the Orchestra of the Swan, London Classical Soloists, Berlin Camerata, the Kammerphilharmonie Graz and Sinfonietta Bratislava, as well as the top orchestras in Czech Republic.

Companion Titles - 18th-Century Symphonies









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Paul WRANITZKY

(1756-1808)

Orchestral Works • 1

Overtures Symphony in C major Symphony in B flat major

Czech Chamber **Philharmonic** Orchestra **Pardubice**

Marek Stilec





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Key Features:

- Back in 2004 Naxos released an oboe trio by Wranitzky coupled with Beethoven's trio (8.554550) - 'accomplished and characterful' (BBC Music Magazine). Beethoven's 12 Variations in A major on a Russian Dance from Wranitzky and Kinsky's Das Wäldmadchen, WoO 71 can also be found on 8.572160, and was an American Record Guide 'Critic's Choice'.
- Marek Štilec and the Czech Chamber Philharmonic are prominent in Naxos's catalogue of Czech orchestral music. They have recorded admired discs of symphonies by Leopold Koželuch, as well as the music of Wranitzky's contemporary Franz Ignaz Beck: 'The playing is nicely nuanced, and even the slow movements have a forward-leaning flow' (American Record Guide on Symphonies Op. 4, Nos. 4-6 & Op. 3, No. 5 -8.573249).
- The conductor also recently released Zdeněk Fibich's Symphony No. 3 with the Janáček Philharmonic (8.574120): 'A superb release of masterful music'. (Fanfare)



Czech Chamber Philharmonic Orchestra Pardubice

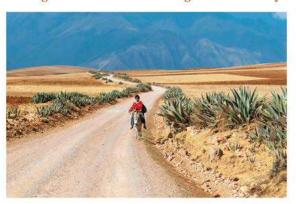
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INCA TRAIL CONNECTIONS

CAMPOS • CIFUENTES • GARRIDO-LECCA • LENG PULGAR VIDAL • SORO • TOBAR • WILLIAMS

Norwegian Radio Orchestra • Miguel Harth-Bedoya



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Norwegian Radio Orchestra • Miguel Harth-Bedoya

The Caminos del Inca, or Inca Trails, is a road network that traverses South America connecting lands and peoples. The area's musical traditions are ancient and varied, taking in indigenous sounds as well as European influences, and the composers represented on this album have all been inspired by this musical legacy, the people of their homeland, and the land itself. The interconnections include late-Romanticism, folkloric dances, reinterpretation of popular music, mestizo ('hybrid') elements, Stravinsky-like primitivism, and music of simplicity and beauty that both captures and celebrates village life.

Key Features:

- This unique programme of world premiere orchestral works is one with a mission. Based in Oslo, the home of the Nobel Peace Prize, conductor Miguel Harth-Bedoya and the Norwegian Radio Orchestra have sought to explore places that are not normally associated with symphonic music. It follows their February 2021 release Journeys (8.574265), featuring music that represents every continent - from Europe and the Americas to Africa, Asia and Australasia.
- The Norwegian Radio Orchestra's recordings include works by Celso Garrido-Lecca (8.573759), in which 'Miguel Harth-Bedoya leads us to the tender heart of Garrido-Lecca's music' (Gramophone), and 'You probably couldn't ask for a more persuasive interpreter than Miguel Harth-Bedoya, who leads [in] wholly winning performances of all four pieces. This is the sort of release that makes you want to hear more' (ClassicsToday.com).
- Harth-Bedoya is a frequent guest conductor worldwide, both in concert halls and opera houses. In 2015 he conducted the world premiere of Jennifer Higdon's first opera Cold Mountain at Santa Fe Opera, which was nominated for a GRAMMY Award.

Companion Titles -Miguel Harth-Bedoya and the Norwegian Radio Orchestra



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Companion Titles -Latin-American **Orchestral Music**





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About Miguel Harth-Bedoya, Conductor

Celebrating more than 30 years of professional conducting, Miguel Harth-Bedoya has recently concluded tenures as chief conductor of the Norwegian Radio Orchestra and music director of the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra. He regularly conducts prestigious American orchestras including the Chicago and Boston Symphony Orchestras and the New York Philharmonic. He has also nurtured close relationships with orchestras worldwide, including the Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra, MDR-Sinfonieorchester and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra. Harth-Bedoya has also led productions with the English National Opera, Canadian Opera Company, Minnesota Opera. Harth-Bedoya's discography spans over 25 recordings, including critically acclaimed albums.



Norwegian Radio Orchestra



Archivo de Guatemala **Music from the Guatemala City Cathedral Archive CASTELLANOS · DURÓN** GARCÍA DE ZÉSPEDES · QUIROS · TORRES

El Mundo · Richard Savino

Spanish colonies in Central and South America emerged as wellsprings of cultural activity throughout the 17th and 18th centuries. The meeting of indigenous populations with Latin American cathedrals and courtly life resulted in styles bearing the imprint of folk music, even in sacred compositions. The sophisticated musical culture of Guatemala City Cathedral is represented in an archive of hundreds of works, several of which are recorded here. The guitars, harp, voices and percussion of acclaimed ensemble El Mundo bring to life the vibrant and at times hypnotic dance rhythms of Spain, Africa and the New World, creating a sound unique to this region, and one that still flourishes to this day.

Key Features:

- We are proud to present the Naxos debut of ensemble El Mundo in a distinctive programme that brings to light the remarkably fine music held in the archive of Guatemala City Cathedral. While these recordings are founded on detailed research, El Mundo's strong affinity with the stylistic features of this largely unknown repertoire ensures that their performances step well beyond any academic constraints to connect with the still living spirit of its original creators and audiences.
- Directed by world-renowned guitarist and lutenist Richard Savino, ensemble El Mundo takes listeners on musical journeys from Castilian courts and cathedrals to Spanish-influenced Italian cities like Naples and on to the viceroyalties of Peru, Mexico and Guatemala, where classical tradition blended with indigenous dances to create a unique and vibrant Hispanic style that still exists today. Their recordings include the GRAMMY nominated album What Artemisia Heard described as 'outstanding on every level' by the Lute Society of America Quarterly.
- This highly attractive programme is performed by musicians who are experts in period music performance. The sound of Archivo de Guatemala is topped here by soprano Jennifer Ellis Kampani, who is a leading interpreter of Baroque repertoire and who 'offers a freshness of





Baroque Music F Corona del Ma

Jennifer Ellis

voice, fineness of timbre, and ease of production that place her in the front rank of early-music sopranos' (andante.com). Kampani is joined by ensemble colleague and Latin American and Spanish Baroque music specialist Nell Snaidas, who has been praised by The New York Times for her 'beautiful soprano voice, melting passion' and 'vocally ravishing' performances.

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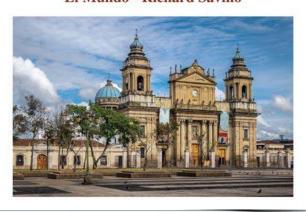


ARCHIVO DE **GUATEMALA**

Music from the Guatemala City Cathedral Archive

CASTELLANOS • DURÓN • GARCÍA DE ZÉSPEDES QUIROS • TORRES

El Mundo • Richard Savino



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About El Mundo

El Mundo is a chamber group dedicated to the performance of 16th- to 19th-century Latin American, Spanish and Italian chamber music. Under the direction of guitarist/lutenist Richard Savino, El Mundo was formed in 1999 and comprises some of today's finest period instrument performers. As an ensemble, El Mundo has recorded eight albums



- these include the premiere of Sebastián Durón's 17th-century zarzuela Salir el Amor del Mundo and The Kingdoms of Castile, which received a 2012 GRAMMY Award nomination in the Best Small Ensemble category.

Companion Titles - Early Music Collection









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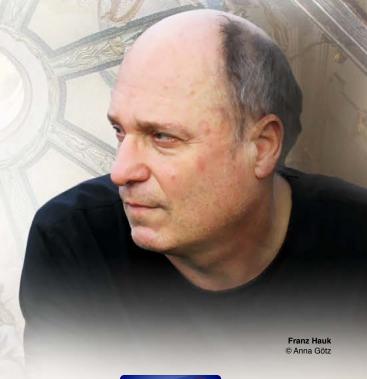
Johann Simon MAYR (1763–1845) Messa di Gloria In E minor • In F minor

Dorota Szczepańska and Anna Feith, Sopranos Freya Apffelstaedt and Maria Grazia Insam, Altos Markus Schäfer and Fang Zhi, Tenors Thomas Stimmel and Elia Merguet, Basses Simon Mayr Chorus • Concerto de Bassus Franz Hauk

Mayr's Masses were in demand across Europe, and their composition is rooted in the Italian tradition of the *messa concertata* which demands division into separate vocal numbers. The *Mass in E minor* has long been recognised as an outstanding example of Mayr's late style, with its polyphonic mastery and dialogues between singers and concertante solo instruments being exceptionally convincing. The *Mass in F minor* evokes both joy and deep melancholy, though accompanied, as always, by Mayr's notable gift for melodic beauty.

Key Features:

- Conductor Franz Hauk has been responsible for re-establishing the music of Johann Simon Mayr, one of the most significant operatic and vocal composers residing in Italy before the rise of Rossini. This latest album is another in the series of groundbreaking world premiere recordings of Mayr's music by the same forces under Hauk.
- The famous Mass in E flat major is on 8.574057 and was a MusicWeb International nominee for 2020 'Recording of the Year'. Fanfare wrote of the release: 'The performance is splendid. Hauk has certainly developed a sense of Mayr's style, and his forces respond to his insightful reading. The sound is outstanding.'
- Of the Stabat Mater recording on 8.573781, the American Record Guide commented: 'Hauk conducts here with fine command and awareness of the shifting moods of the text. The vocal soloists were well chosen for clarity and sweetness, and are generally capable – though never quite virtuosic – in the florid passages.'
- Aside from sacred works, Hauk has also presented premiere recordings of Mayr's oratorios and operas, the most recent being *Le due duchesse* (8.660422-23): 'The playing of young period ensemble **Concerto de Bassus** is exemplary... Their contributions are bolstered by the Simon Mayr Chorus, a body formed by conductor Franz Hauk in 2003 as part of his commitment to the revival of Mayr's music.'





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About Franz Hauk, Conductor

Franz Hauk studied church and school music, with piano and organ, at the Munich Musikhochschule and in Salzburg. In 1988 he took his doctorate with a thesis on church music in Munich at the beginning of the 19th century. Since 1982 he has served as organist at Ingolstadt Minster, and since 1995 also as choirmaster. He has given concerts in Europe and the US and made a number of recordings. Since October 2002 he has taught in the historical performance and church music department of the Hochschule für Musik und Theater, Munich. He founded the Simon Mayr Chorus in 2003.



Simon Mayr Chorus



Concerto de Bassus

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Companion Titles – Mayr's sacred music conducted by Franz Hauk



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Georges ONSLOW (1784–1853) String Quintets, Vol. 4

Nos. 23 and 31

Elan Quintet – Alexander Nikolaev and Carles Civera, Violins Julia Hu, Viola • Benjamin Birtle, Cello Matthew Baker, Double Bass

Georges Onslow is best known for a body of chamber music that follows the musical lineage of Haydn, Mozart and Beethoven. A master of the quintet medium, Onslow offered variations of ensemble to players, the two presented here being cast for string quartet and double bass. The tempestuous *Quintet No. 23 in A minor* is charged with almost ceaseless nervous energy and Schubertian lyricism; the mature *Quintet No. 31 in A major* is both subtle and elegant, with a brilliant assemblage of details such as walking bass and violin-cello duets.

Key Features:

- The Elan Quintet was formed through the coalescence of performance experience in lyric, symphonic and chamber music of its internationally recognised members. In 2015 they began a project to record the little-known string quintets of Georges Onslow (world premiere recordings), a series which has received critical acclaim
- Vol. 1 is available on 8.573600. Gramophone wrote: 'These five players make a beguiling case for this music.' Fanfare added: 'The performances by the Elan Quintet are outstanding – brilliant playing all around, really.'
- Vol. 2 (8.573689) received praise from the BBC Music Magazine: 'Receiving their world premiere recordings, the F minor String Quintet No. 10 of 1827 and the E flat major Quintet No. 22 of 1836 are lucky to have the Elan Quintet at their service... The Elan players' sympathy for the music smiles out of every bar'. While Vol. 3 (8.573887) was similarly acclaimed by Fanfare: 'This is polished, well-balanced playing that displays a fine sensitivity for the period style.'
- Onslow's Cello Sonatas are on 8.572830, of which BBC Music Magazine wrote: 'These elegantly crafted Sonatas from 1820 combine some of the thematic rigour of Beethoven with the ornate virtuosity of Weber. These are strongly committed and highly expressive performances.'

Companion Titles -

Previous releases in the Onslow String Quintets series



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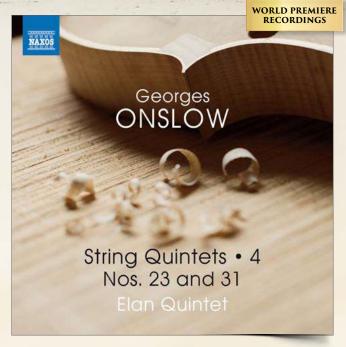


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About the Elan Quintet

The combination of string quartet with double bass has opened up a richness of tone and distinct soundscape that the Elan Quintet has dedicated itself to exploring, celebrating works by renowned composers such as Schubert and Dvořák as well as working with contemporary artists in creating new pieces for quintet, and rediscovering forgotten masterpieces by composers including Onslow and Bridge. The Quintet has recorded and performed with GRAMMY Award-winning Argentinian composer Claudia Montero on her album *Irremediablemente Buenos Aires* as well as with the international clarinet soloist Joan Enric Lluna.

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Companion Titles -Adolphe Adam, Composer





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Companion Titles -Andrew Mogrelia, Conductor





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Adolphe ADAM (1803–1856) La Filleule des fées (Complete Ballet)

Queensland Symphony Orchestra · Andrew Mogrelia



Adolphe Adam is best known today for the ballets Giselle and Le Corsaire, but his prolific output included 39 operas and several other ballet scores, including the vivacious tale of La Filleule des fées ('The Fairies' Goddaughter"). The story takes place in an idealised countryside, revolving around the god-daughter Ysaure's complex amorous affairs and the magical interventions of good and wicked fairies. With its brilliantly colourful orchestration, memorable themes and rhythmic momentum, this work is very much the equal of Giselle.

Key Features:

- This world premiere complete recording of Adolphe Adam's ballet La Filleule des fées first appeared on our Marco Polo label in 2002, and it remains unchallenged by further recordings. Adam seems destined to be remembered for Giselle, but with this fine recording by the Queensland Symphony Orchestra returning to the catalogue it is to be hoped that his popularity might be founded on at least one more work.
- Press acclaim on its original release: 'On this double-disc set, the Queensland Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Andrew Mogrelia, gives a delightful and spirited performance of the complete score for Adolphe Adam's ballet La Filleule des fées. This vivacious music contains many memorable themes and is brilliantly orchestrated throughout' (new-classics.co.uk). 'Lovers of Romantic ballet music will delight in this as I do, especially as displayed by Andrew Mogrelia and his Australian forces, who play as if the music were in their every-day repertory' (Ballet Review).





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Companion Titles -Ludwig van Beethoven, Composer









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Ta Ta Ta Taaa 13 Times the Same • 13 Times Different



Ludwig van BEETHOVEN (1770–1827) Symphony No. 5

Various Artists

Three Gs and an E flat, declaimed Ta-ta-ta-ta-taaal, is perhaps the best known phrase in all of classical music. The notes form the opening motif of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony, a work that has enjoyed enduring popularity since its first performance in 1808.

This album presents various interpretations the symphony's opening movement has received from a number of conductors, including Otto Klemperer (1885-1973), Michael Gielen (1927-2019), Stanisław Skrowaczewski (1923-2017) and Ádám Fischer (b. 1949), giving the listener convenient comparisons and historic hindsight. Additionally, Robert Trevino conducts the Malmö Symphony Orchestra in a recording of the complete work, while Konstantin Scherbakov complements the collection with a performance of Liszt's transcription of the work for solo piano.

Key Features:

- Continuing the Ludwig van Beethoven 250th anniversary celebration from 2020, this is a unique disc comparing various interpretations of the opening movement of Beethoven's Fifth Symphony - compiled from several releases from Naxos and affiliated labels.
- Two new notable recordings of Beethoven's symphonies are featured here. First is Ádám Fischer's award-winning cycle with the Danish Chamber Orchestra (Naxos 8.505251), which won both Symphonic categories from Opus Klassik and the International Classical Music Awards (ICMA): 'a very convincing, coherent and meaningful set of Beethoven's symphonies whose main characteristic is the rhetorical diversity showing all Beethoven's various facets.
- Robert Trevino recently took the principal conductor post for the Malmö Symphony Orchestra in 2019. Their first recording project involved all of the nine symphonies released by Ondine in June 2020 (ODE 1348-5Q). Limelight commented that 'Trevino reveals himself as a lean, lithe, fresh-sounding Beethovenian. Throughout, Trevino's interpretative choices discretely accommodate lessons learned from his predecessors even while espousing an agreeable freshness all their own.' (★★★★)





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Companion Titles - Salvatore Di Vittorio and the Chamber Orchestra of New York



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BBC Philharmonic

Paul Janes, Piano







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Kelly Hall-Tompkins, Violin

Chamber Orchestra of New York · Salvatore Di Vittorio



Salvatore Di Vittorio is seen as heir to the Italian neo-Classical orchestral tradition with a narrative style notable for its colourful orchestration and 'swelling lyricism' (American Record Guide). This second volume of his orchestral works includes a vivid portrayal of the cultural and historical diversity of his home city in Overtura Palermo. Sinfonia No. 3 evokes the beauty and magnificence of Sicilian temples, while Sinfonia No. 4 'Metamorfosi', based on Ovid, is Di Vittorio's most important work to date. His Overtura Respighiana and Sinfonias Nos. 1 and 2 can be heard on Naxos 8.572333.

Key Features:

Salvatore Di Vittorio has an international reputation as a composer and conductor, achieving wide recognition for his completion of Respighi's Violin Concerto in A major (8.572332). He is the founding Music Director of the Chamber Orchestra of New York, and this orchestra's growing catalogue of fine recordings include a previous album of Di Vittorio's own work (8.572333) which pairs nicely with this new release, with Fanfare proclaiming: 'beautiful music is beautiful music, regardless of when it's written, and Di Vittorio proves himself with this disc to be a composer of beautiful music extraordinaire.'



- Their release of Respighi's The Birds (8.573168) also received critical acclaim, with ClassicsToday.com considering it 'the most texturally detailed, luminous, substantial performance yet captured on disc. Conductor Salvatore Di Vittorio makes sure that every strand of Respighi's remarkable orchestration stands out in high relief... It's an amazing achievement.'
- Di Vittorio and his New York forces have also recently released the world premiere recording of Respighi's Concerto all'antica (with soloist Davide Alogna) coupled with the Ancient Airs and Dances suites, in February 2021 (8.573901).
- This album of world premiere recordings includes La Villa d'Este a Tivoli, a significant milestone with Di Vittorio becoming the first composer to dedicate a work to The Morgan Library & Museum, and the first Italian composer during his lifetime to be invited to donate an autograph manuscript to the museum's world-renowned music archive.



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Edward GREGSON (b. 1945)

Instrumental Music

Three Matisse Impressions · Serenata Notturna

Cameos · Oboe Sonata · Alarum

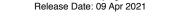
Love Goddess · Divertimento · Tributes

Soloists from the Hallé and BBC Philharmonic orchestras · Paul Janes, Piano



Edward Gregson's career has followed two parallel paths, one to the top tier of music education and the other towards the international reputation he now enjoys as a composer. This representative selection is Gregson's own and spans more than half a century, from the youthful exuberance of his Oboe Sonata to specially prepared versions of two of his most evocative compositions, Three Matisse Impressions and Love Goddess. The selected soloists are drawn from two leading symphony orchestras with which Gregson enjoys special relationships.

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Companion Titles - Edward Gregson, Composer





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Companion Titles - British Instrumental Music





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Key Features:

- Edward Gregson turned 75 years old in 2020 and this is a good vantage point to survey some of his instrumental music played by friends and professional colleagues. A collection of his solo piano music was released in August 2020 (8.574222), which included his own performance of A Song for Sue, in which the main theme was taken from his early Concertante written as an engagement for his wifeto-be, Sue.
- The Three Matisse Impressions is heard in the version for flute which has never been recorded before. Amy Yule is an enthusiastic chamber musician, and became principal flute of the Hallé in 2019, having previously held the same position with the Royal Northern Sinfonia.
- Manchester-based pianist Paul Janes has had a busy performing career since graduating in 1991 from the Royal Northern College of Music, where he was the recipient of several prestigious awards and scholarships. He has worked regularly for many years as orchestral keyboard player for both the BBC Philharmonic and the Hallé, as well as freelancing with other orchestras around the country.





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Three Matisse Impressions (version for flute and piano): No. 1. Pastoral





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Companion Titles - Music for Two Guitars











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Filippo GRAGNANI (1768–1820) **Masterful Guitar Duos**

Duos Nos. 1-3 for Two Guitars Jørgen Skogmo and Jens Franke, Guitars



Little is known about the Italian guitarist-composer Filippo Gragnani, but he had a reputation as a 'skilled concert player', and composed his Duos for Two Guitars in the troubled post-revolutionary city of Paris. Aimed at professional players, the Duos stand as a testament to Gragnani's virtuoso technique and vivid imagination while presenting the utmost in stylistic taste and refinement. He gave both players concertante importance in these works, combining fin de siècle Viennese rigour with a fresh Latin temperament, and using contemporary musical conventions with assurance to craft evocative cameos of time and place.

Key Features:

- Musicians in the know have a deep affection for Filippo Gragnani's chamber music, such as his duos for violin and guitar, guitar trios, and of course the three duos recorded here. There are however very few recordings of these works around, and this release with Jørgen Skogmo and Jens Franke has the market virtually to itself.
- The long-standing duo of Jørgen Skogmo and Jens Franke has recorded the complete Guitar Duets of catalan composer José Ferrer (8.574011) with 'sensitive, skilled playing' (American Record Guide), as well as being part of the ensemble that recorded the complete Guitar Trio and Quartet works of Antoine de Lhoyer (8.573575).



- Jens Franke has commissioned a number of new works for guitar, and his recording credits include an album of music by Johann Kaspar Mertz, and a collection of Schubert songs with Anna Huntley recorded at the Wigmore Hall, among others.
- Jørgen Skogmo has won several prestigious international awards and appeared at venues such as London's Wigmore Hall and Royal Albert Hall, New York's Alice Tully Hall and the Palace of Versailles. He is currently professor of guitar at the Guildhall School of Music & Drama in London.



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BRITISH **GUITAR MUSIC • 2** Dowland . Britten . Rutter . Scott . Maw Graham Anthony Devine, Guitar



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Companion Titles -**Graham Anthony Devine, Guitar**











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British Guitar Music, Vol. 2 DOWLAND · BRITTEN · RUTTER · SCOTT · MAW

Graham Anthony Devine, Guitar



The iconic guitarist Julian Bream commissioned music from a number of British composers with international reputations, thus creating a whole new repertoire of guitar music. He also played an important role in the revival of interest in the Elizabethan lute, his recitals bringing Early Music to a new audience. John Dowland's beautiful Pavan is followed by Britten's Nocturnal after John Dowland, written for Bream and one of the most significant guitar works of the 20th century. Cyril Scott's Sonatina, overlooked for decades, is heard here in the premiere recording of Bream's revised edition. Volume 1 can be heard on 8.557040.

Key Features:

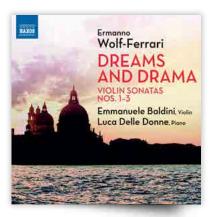
- Graham Anthony Devine has been hailed for possessing 'Fluency, beautiful tone, power, clarity, timing, phrasing, technical brilliance, a keen musical intelligence' by Classical Guitar Magazine. Vol. 1 of this series is available on 8.557040, which was 'Recommended with all possible enthusiasm' by MusicWeb International. Classic FM added: 'Graham Devine, who plays with great sensitivity, strikes me as an ideal artist to continue Bream's musical legacy. On the evidence presented here, this young virtuoso has a very bright future indeed.'
- The soloist has also recorded two volumes of Leo Brouwer's guitar music for Naxos: 'his musicianship is unimpeachable, his fleet technique is world-class, and his command of Brouwer's idiom is complete' (American Record Guide on Vol. 3, 8.554195). While his Guitar Music from Brazil album (8.557295) was also lauded by the same publication: 'Even the most unassuming popular tunes are ennobled by Graham Anthony Devine's masterly playing.





Click button to listen to an extract from DOWLAND, J.: Mr John Langton's Pavan, P. 14 (arr. Devine)





8.574297 Price Code: NXP • Playing Time: 71:00 Release Date: 23 Apr 2021

Companion Titles - 20th-Century Violin Music









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Ermanno WOLF-FERRARI (1876–1948) **Dreams and Drama**

Violin Sonatas Nos. 1-3

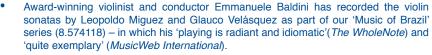
Emmanuele Baldini, Violin • Luca Delle Donne, Piano

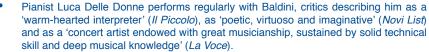


Ermanno Wolf-Ferrari's reputation rests largely on his operas, but the instrumental music he composed at the beginning and end of his career deserves a wider currency. The influence of Brahms can be detected in the First and Second Violin Sonatas, though Wolf-Ferrari's distinctive long-breathed melodies and chromatic flow are clearly present; the dramatic and expressive Second also includes references to Wagner's Tristan. With its neo-Bachian figuration, passages of intense melancholy and uplifting operatic fantasy, the final Third Sonata is an enigmatic work, and unlike any other in the repertoire.

Key Features:

Ermanno Wolf-Ferarri's three violin sonatas have never really entered the core chamber music repertoire. The finesse and musicality of Emmanuele Baldini and Luca Delle Donne, and this highly enjoyable and deeply satisfying addition to the Wolf-Ferrari catalogue will be a welcome re-introduction to some neglected but substantial works.











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Companion Titles - Previous releases in the Widor Organ Symphonies series











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Charles-Marie WIDOR (1844–1937) Organ Symphonies, Vol. 5 Symphonies Nos. 5 and 6, Op. 42, Nos. 1 and 2 Christian von Blohn, Organ



Widor's cycle of ten organ symphonies underwent profound development and transformation over many years. Classical elements became more obviously virtuosic and, by the time of these Op. 42 symphonies, his musical language had become monumental. Symphony No. 5 in F minor is world famous for a single movement, its concluding Toccata, a moto perpetuo of astonishing brilliance, but the whole work is imbued with structural and musical genius. Striking rhythms, dynamic contrasts and technical roulades mark out Symphony No. 6 in G minor. Also included is a graceful movement from Symphony No. 8 (8.574207) that Widor later omitted.

Key Features:

Christian von Blohn graduated from the Musikakademie Saarbrücken in 1987 with a first-class degree in Church Music and also with a degree in Music Education, majoring in the organ. Since 1993, von Blohn has been deanery music director for the diocese of Speyer and currently provides musical supervision for the two St Ingbert parishes of St Hildegard and St Josef.



- According to the Yorkshire Post, von Blohn 'Played with a thrilling virtuosity' on Vol. 4, which featured Symphony No. 8 and the Symphonie romane (8.574207). Choir & Organ gave four stars for Vol. 3 (8.574206), commenting: The vertiginous demands of the Seventh Symphony are paced with measured deftness... The Symphonie gothique is more completely realised, the Andante sostenuto sublimely delicate [and] the transcendent *Moderato* finale meticulously mapped out.'
- The first two volumes were recorded by renowned organist Woflgang Rübsam a household name in Naxos's Organ Encyclopedia catalogue. Vol. 1 (8.574161) was described as an 'auspicious start heralding great things to come' by Classical Music Daily, while The Organ Club Journal exclaimed 'Jolly good!' for Vol. 2 (8.574195).



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- The sung texts in original language with English translations are available for free download from Naxos.com and the url information is given in the booklets.
- The albums serve as introduction to the main vocal types with arias spanning the full range of opera styles. The series is aimed at two distinct types of listeners: those who study singing, whether for fun or budding professionals; and those who are interested in finding out more about popular opera repertoire.
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- The intent of this series is a joyful exploration and celebration of opera arias for newcomers and experts alike.
- The Best loved opera arias for Soprano and Tenor will be released in autumn 2021. Depending on the response they may be expended with additional categories of the vocal repertoire.

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The Turkish Oud

Baha Yetkin, Oud



Turkish classical music is one of the greatest art traditions in the world. It reflects the magnificent philosophy, lyricism and Sufism of the Ottoman Empire's reign, and embodies the qualities of many civilizations, cultures and societies that have thrived in Anatolia. Here, Baha Yetkin demonstrates his magnificent makam and seyir skills with traditional pieces dating back to the 14th century.

About Baha Yetkin, Oud

Turkish oud player and composer Baha Yetkin grew up in Istanbul, the melting pot of European and Middle Eastern musical cultures. This is reflected in his methodicallywritten compositions, which are an amalgamation of improvisations based on Istanbul music and the complex rhythmic structures of Middle Eastern music, all with an emotional, meditative and spiritual undertone. His skilful playing has led to fruitful collaborations with Turkish and European masters, and performances at prominent concert venues such as Cemal Reşit Rey Concert Hall, Lütfi Kırdar Meeting and Performance Hall and Zorlu Performing Arts Center, to name a few.



Companion Titles - Music from Western Asia / Southeastern Europe









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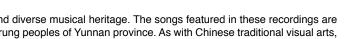


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Folk Music of China, Vol. 12 Folk Songs of the Bai, Nu and Derung Peoples Various Artists



This series explores China's rich and diverse musical heritage. The songs featured in these recordings are folk songs from the Bai, Nu and Derung peoples of Yunnan province. As with Chinese traditional visual arts, the song titles explain their mood and origin.

All three minorities live in Yunnan province, located in southwestern China. The majority of Bai people dwell in Dali Bai Autonomous Prefecture, which is situated between the Tibetan and Yungui Plateaus, and after years of development has become a famous tourist attraction. As cross-border minorities, the Derung and the Nu peoples both live on the northwestern border of Yunnan, next to Myanmar. The Nu people live along the Nu River, which is a part of The Three Parallel Rivers of Yunnan Protected Areas. The Derung people live along the banks of Dulong River, which originates in Tibet, runs through northwestern Yunnan, and finally flows into Myanmar.

Companion Titles - Previous releases in the Folk Music of China series





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Boris Giltburg, Piano

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