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Included is Kubelik’s recording of Mahler’s symphonies still remain reference recordings of the repertoire. Kubelik passionately championed Mahler’s music when it was still unfashionable to do so. This was the first Mahler cycle to be performed and recorded by a German orchestra.

Carlos Kleiber - Complete Recordings on DG [12 CDs + Blu-ray Audio CD]

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Artists: Carlos Kleiber/Vienna PO; Bavarian State PO; Staatskapelle Dresden (13 CD) (Deutsche Grammophon)

This Blu-ray Audio disc plus 12 CDs Deluxe hardback edition presents Carlos Kleiber’s complete recordings on Deutsche Grammophon. It comprises three CDs of orchestral works by Beethoven, Brahms and Schubert and four complete operas: Der Freischütz, Die Fledermaus, La Traviata and Tristan und Isolde. All repertoire has been mastered to 24-bit (except Tristan, presented as 16-bit) on one Blu-ray Audio disc.

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Great Conductors: Bernstein, Kubelik, Kleiber

Bernstein - His Greatest Recordings [16 CDs]

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Half a century after release, Roshbaud’s recordings of Mahler’s symphonies still remain reference recordings of the repertoire. Kubelik passionately championed Mahler’s music when it was still unfashionable to do so. This was the first Mahler cycle to be performed and recorded by a German orchestra.

Hand Roshbaud Conducts Mozart [9 CDs]

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André Navarra Plays Cello Works [10 CDs]

Works by: Haydn, Boccherini, Schumann, Dvořák, Elgar, Bruch, Beethoven, et al.

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André Navarra (1911 - 1988), together with Pierre Fournier and Maurice Gendron, was acknowledged as one of the “three great” French cellists of their era. He won first prizes at the age of 13 and 16, and celebrated his solo debut in 1931 with the Concerto Conlonne.

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Leonard Bernstein was invited to become the Charles Eliot Norton Professor of Poetry at Harvard University, Cambridge in 1971. The professorship required Bernstein to live on campus for one school year, counsel students and, most significantly, deliver a series of six public lectures. Although the very breadth of the lectures attracted some negative criticism, they were also widely recognized as an impressive achievement. Long multi-disciplinary and fashionably, they provided a fresh way to analyze music and interpret musical history.

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Works by: Albinoni, J. S. Bach, Corelli, Marcello, Muffat, Pachelbel, Scarlatti, Telemann, Vivaldi Artists: Otto Sauter (piccolo tpt); Christian Schmitt (org) (3 CD) (Brilliant Classics)
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This newly recorded album has been compiled by Otto Sauter, one of the leading trumpet virtuosos of our time, who specializes in piccolo trumpet performance. The album accordingly begins with a violin concerto by Vivaldi, with further transcriptions of Baroque violin showpieces.

Sigiswald Kuijken: The Accent Recordings
2006-2016 [10 CDs]
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This release is the second presented by Accent to celebrate Sigiswald Kuijken’s 75th birthday. It features the complete recordings of concertos made by La Petite Bande and Kuijken on the Accent label. The recordings include important standard repertoire.

Benjamin Schmid: The Complete Oehms Classics Recordings [20 CDs]
Works by: Tchaikovsky, Dvorak, J. S. Bach, Korngold, Pagani, Mendelssohn, Mozart, Beethoven, Grappelli, Brahms, Vivaldi et al. Artists: Benjamin Schmid (vn) (20 CD) (Oehms)
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It was a long-standing wish to combine all 18 albums recorded by Benjamin Schmid into one release. The desire was given new impetus by the two magnificent new albums Benjamin Schmid approved for release by OehmsClassics on the occasion of his fiftieth birthday in 2018.

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Verdi Festival 2012 / Honeck, Dutoit

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**Artists:** Manfred Honeck/Vereinert Festival Orchestra; Charles Dutoit.

**EuroArts** (88 min.; 16:9; Color; PCM Stereo)

**EUA 2054026 $29.99**

This DVD features highlights from the Verdi Festival 2012. Charles Dutoit is the music director of the Verdi Festival Orchestra and has earned more than 40 international awards including two Grammy Awards. Manfred Honeck won the Echo Klassik in 2011.

**New Years Concert 2004 from the new Teatro la Fenice / Lorin Maazel [DVD]**

**Works:** Highlights from Mascagni: Cavalleria rusticana; Ponchielli: La Gioconda; Rossini: Barber of Seville; Seville; Verdi: Aida; La traviata; Artists: Lorin Maazel/Venice Teatro la Fenice Orch. (TDK) (59 min.; 4:3; Color; DTS 5.1 Surround)

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When a fire destroyed the Gran Teatro La Fenice in 1996, the world knew that some day it would have to be reopened in its old splendor. A firework display of famous opera moments, ballet scenes and orchestral music ushered in the New Year from the new 'Fenice'.

**Festival Concert Programs**

**Verdi Festival Opening Concert 2011**

**Works:** Alban Berg (1886-1935); Der Wein; Lulu-Suite; Mahler: Das klagende Lied; Artists: Pierre Boulez/Vienna PO. Anna Prohaska; Johan Botha; Anna Larsson; Dorothea Roeschmann (1 DVD-Video) (C Major) (95 min.; 16:9; Stereo)

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The opening concert of the Salzburg Festival, for many regarded as the world's most renowned music festival, is by tradition a high-profile event and the 2011 gala presented here was one of the best in memory.

**Salzburg Festival Opening Concert 2011**

**Verdi Festival 2012 / Gábor Takácz-Nagy**

**Works:** Beethoven: Symphony no 5; W.A. Mozart: Symphony no 25 Artists: Gábor Takácz-Nagy; Verdi Festival CO. (EuroArts) (51 min.; 16:9; Color; PCM Stereo)

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The Verdi Festival is one of the most prestigious classical music events in the world, and in 2011 celebrated its 20th anniversary. This DVD highlights scenes from the 2012 festival concert.

**Verdi & Wagner: The Odeonsplatz Concert**

**Works:** Verdi: Arias from Don Carlos; Il Trovatore; Otello; Wagner: Artists: Rolando Villazon (ten); Thomas Hampson (bar); Yannick Nézet-Séguin/Bavarian Radio SO & Chorus (C Major Video) (111 min.; 16:9; Color; DTS 5.1)

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**The Best of Verdi Arias / Nucci, Alvarez, Meli**

**Works:** Verdi: Arias from Aida; La Traviata; Il Trovatore; Otello; Artists: Machaidze, Nucci, Desesi, Alvarez, Meli, Theodossiou, Prestia, et al.; Orch. del Teatro Regio di Parma. (C Major Video)

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Verdi's life is told by Thomas Hampson, one of the most famous Verdi interpreter and world's most respected opera stars. This movie unveils the life story of Verdi, composer and the man who created some of the finest modern day Verdian singers on today's contemporary opera scene.

**Verdi: Otello / Riccardo Muti**

**Artists:** Riccardo Muti/Vienna PO. Carlos Alvarez; Mikhail Petrenko; Aleksandr Antonesko; Barbara Di Castri; Antonello Ceron. (C Major Video) (153 min.; 16:9; Color; DTS 5.1)

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Based on Shakespeare's famous tragedy, Otello not only sums up the history of Italian opera since Rossini but at the same time looks far into the future.

**Verdi: Requiem Mass / Temirkanov**

**Artists:** Yuri Temirkanov/Parma Teatro Regio Orchestra & Chorus. Sonia Ganassi; Francesco Meli; Dimitra Theodossiou; Riccardo Zanellato. (C Major Video) (147 min.; 16:9; Color; DD 5.1)

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This film includes a 52-minute bonus documentary introducing us to Verdi's beautiful homeland, the region of Parma; from the little village where Verdi was born, to the estate close to Parma where he chose to spend most of his life.

**Verdi: Stiffelio / Andrea Battistoni**

**Artists:** Andrea Battistoni/Teatro Regio di Parma Orchestra & Coro. Roberto Frontali; George Andulgadze; Roberto Roncini; Yu Guanquan; Cosimo Vassallo (C Major Video) (127 min.; 16:9; Color; PCM Stereo)

**CME 723008 $27.99**

When the wife of a Protestant preacher is an adulterer, problems are inevitable from the outset of Verdi's Stiffelio. Superficially, the finale deals with forgiveness and reconciliation, but the orchestral writing is in such striking contrast that Verdi appears to toll the death knell of the protagonists' marriage.

**Verdi: Un Ballo in Maschera**

**Artists:** Gianluigi Gelmetti/Teatro Regio di Parma Orchestra & Chorus. Francesco Meli; Vladimir Stoyanov; Elisabeth Fiorillo; Kristin Lewis; Serena Camerboni (C Major Video) (189 min.; 16:9; Color; DTS 5.1)

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In 1792 King Gustavus III of Sweden was shot at a masked ball; this was the starting point for Verdi's Un ballo in maschera. The opera came under such severe censure that it was only when it moved to Boston that it launched the triumphant existence of Vladimir Lande.

**Violinist Tianwa Yang: Live at St. Petersburg**

**Works:** J.S. Bach: Partita for Violin solo no 2; Brahms: Violin Concerto; Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto; Eugène Ysaÿe: Sonatas for Violin solo, Op. 27.

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Verdi & Wagner: The Odeonsplatz Concert
Works: Arias by Verdi, Wagner, Massenet, Ravel; La Valse
Artists: Rolando Villazon (tn); Thomas Hampson, conductor
On the occasion of the 100th anniversary of the death of Richard Wagner, conductor Demian Lehne encapsulates the life of the great composer in a 1 1/2-hour program of music, poetry and photographs. The concert is presented by the Munich Philharmonic and is available on Blu-ray in HD Master Audio 5.1.

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Verdi: Il Corsaro / Carlo Montanaro
Artists: Carlo Montanaro/Teatro Regio di Parma Orchestra & Chorus. Gregory Bonfatti; Luca Salis; Andrea Papi; Angelo Villari; Irina Lungu. (C Major Video) (116 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM Stereo, DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
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The marvelous orchestra, chorus, and crew of Teatro Regio di Parma allow today’s Verdi voices (Ribiero, Lungu, Bonfatti, and more) to weave their tale of adventure and tragedy in this pirate love story.

Verdi: Il Trovatore / Yuri Temirkanov
Artists: Yuri Temirkanov/Teatro Regio di Parma Orchestra & Chorus. Marcelo Alvarez; Claudio Spagna; Roberto Alagna; Vittorio Grigolo; Maia No- radze. (C Major Video) (150 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD M.A. 5.1)
CME 723055 $37.49 $15.00
Based on a Spanish play in the tradition of gothic horror, Il Trovatore proved to be a triumph for Verdi, and it remains one of the most popular operas in international repertoire.

Verdi: Giovanna d’Arco / Bruno Bartoletti
Artists: Bruno Bartoletti/Teatro Regio di Parma Orchestra & Chorus. Renato Bruson; Luigi Petroni; Maurizio Lo Piccolo; Svetlana Vassileva. (C Major Video) (125 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
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Less Common Verdi Operas

Verdi: I Masnadieri / Nicola Luisotti, Teatro di San Carlo Orchestra & Chorus
Artists: Giacomo Prestia; Aquiles Machado; Artur Rucinski; Nicola Luisotti; Lucrezia Garcia (C Major Video) (135 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
CME 722304 $37.49 $15.00
The Teatro Verdi project introduces audiences to all of Verdi’s works including hidden beauties like I masnadieri, here in its first production on Blu-ray.

Verdi: Stiffelio / Andrea Battistini, Teatro Regio Orchestra & Chorus
Artists: Roberto Fronzali; George Andulaglaze; Roberto Aronica; Yu Guanqin; Cosimo Vassallo. (C Major Video) (127 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
CME 723108 $37.49 $15.00
When the wife of a Protestant preacher is an adulterer, problems are inevitable from the outset. Verdi’s Stiffelio suffered from poor reviews and is now back in the opera industry in Italy. Even so, there are many scenes in this early work that reveal unmistakable signs of the composer’s individual style.

Verdi: Un giorno di regno / Donato Renzetti, Teatro Regio Orchestra & Chorus
Artists: Paolo Bordogna; Anna Caterina Antonacci; Andrea Porta; Ivan Magri (C Major Video) (129 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM Stereo, DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
CME 722030 $37.49 $15.00
This second stage work by Verdi proved a complete fiasco at its premiere. Today, however, it enjoys increasing popularity thanks to its wellspring of musical ideas and effervescent melodies.

Verdi: La Battaglia di Legnano / Boris Brott, Teatro Lirico Orchestra & Chorus
Artists: Dimitra Theodossiou; Enrico Iori; Andrew Richards; Leonardo Lopez (C Major Video) (129 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM HD Master Audio 5.1)
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Mahler: Symphonies Nos. 3 & 4 / Paavo Järvi
Artists: Paavo Järvi/Frankfurt Radio Orchestra. Nicola Luisotti; Donato Renzetti; Roberto Alagna; Vittorio Grigolo; Antje Duvekot. (C Major Video) (115 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM Stereo, DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
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Artists: Donata Renzetti/Coro e Orchester Regio di Parma. Leo Nucci; Gregory Bonfatti; Marcello Pedailor; Roberto de Biasio; Tatiana Serjan. (C Major Video) (125 min.; 16:9, Color; LPCM Stereo, DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
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Artists: Placido Domingo; Catherine Malitano; Ruggero Raimondi; Etoni Gvazava; Rolando Panerai; Zubin Mehta/RAI SO (3 Blu-Rays) (Naxos) (575 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)
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  "Hassler’s famous ‘In Dulci Jubilo’ is here performed by brass choir, in a transcription by Karsten Storck. Texts and notes are in English. - ARG

- **Shakespeare 21 / Hannover Chamber Choir**
  *Works by: Sven Hagwil: Sep, Eric Johannsen; Nils Lindberg; Jaakko Månttäjäri; Frank Martin; Fabio Nieder; Vaughan Williams; Lars Johan Werle Artists: Stephan Doormann/Kammerchor Hannover (1 CD)*
  *RDAU 6056 $29.99 $8.40*
  "In addition, newly commissioned choral works from Hagwil and Nieder, 400-year-old Shakespeare texts are presented here in musical settings from the 20th and 21st centuries.

- **Christmas with J.S. Bach [Blu-ray or DVD Video]**
  *Works: J.S. Bach: Cantatas, BWV61, 63 & 248 Artists: Jorg Breiding/Knabenchor Hannover; L’Arco Baroque Orch. (89 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD Master Audio 5.1)*
  *RDAU 5103 $42.99 $17.20 (DV)*
  *RDAU 5003 $32.99 $13.20 (BR)*
  "The Christmasside atmosphere at Hanover’s Marktkirche further draws the listeners and viewers into the performance's magical aura.

Leipzig - St. Thomas in the 19th Century; Works by: Albert Becker; Brahms; Moritz Hauptmann; Heinrich von Herzogenberg; Arnold Mendelssohn; Felix Mendelssohn; August Eberhart Müller; Ernst Friedrich Richter; Friedrich Wilhelm Rust et al.* Artists: Georg Christoph Biller/St. Thomas Boys Choir Leipzig (1 CD)
  *RDAU 4016 $20.99 $8.40*
  "The works presented here continue to be performed at the motel and cantata services at St Thomas’s for almost 200 years - sung in masterly perfection by the world famous boys choir.

- **Carols for Advent and Christmas**
  *Works by: Otto Abell; J. Sch.; Karl-Friedrich Beringer/Windsbach Boys Choir* Artists: Karl-Friedrich Beringer/Windsbach Boys Choir (1 CD)
  *RDAU 1011 $29.99 $8.40*
  "The pieces themselves seven centuries. All vocal pieces are in German except three in English and two in Latin. The performances are very satisfying. Both the brass and organ playing are first rate, and the choir is likewise fine. - American Record Guide
His piano music offers a perfect distillation of these anticipatory of later artistic movements, principally Satie’s personal eccentricities have never masked NX 8573865 $12.99 the mood of pessimism and uncertainty.

In his writing for strings, Stephen Dodgson revealed an abiding love of early music through his perceptive use of ornamentation, virtuoso displays and enthusiasm for variation form.

The Villiers Quartet previous release of the Delius and Elgar Quartets was very well reviewed. MusicWeb International wrote: “This is a desirable chamber release with convincing and stylish playing from the Villiers Quartet who offer endearing expression and impeccable intonation throughout.”


With this unique program titled ‘On The Path to H.C. Andersen’, Hanzhi Wang takes us into the ‘fairy-tale world of the accordion’ in works by Danish composers that explore both the darkness and luminosity of Hans Christian Andersen’s famous stories.

The unique counterfactual voice of Yaniv d’Or was complimented by Gramophone for “his rich, honeyed falsetto,” and Fanfare admired NAYA’s “perfect foundation for d’Or’s clear and highly nuanced voice.” Schubert: Schwanengesang; Brahms: Acht Zigeunerlieder Artists: Tim Thope (french horn); Christopher Williams (pno)

both of the song cycles recorded here combine lyricism with powerful storytelling, covering a wide range of emotions that are well suited to the beautiful sonorities and vocal nature of the French horn.

‘Tea for Two’ - Songs & Entertainments Works: Operetta hits, waltz classics and popular songs, both bawdy and elegant, from 19th & early 20th c. London & Paris Artists: Clémentine Decouture (sop); Philippe Brocard (bar); Frivol’Ens emble.

NXS 8573973 $12.99 Capturing the spirit of a period ranging from the fashionable d’Oly Carte to 1920s American Jazz, the Frivol’Ens takes us back to rediscover the delights of this golden age of musical theatricality.

Kertsman: Three Concertos; Chamber Symphony Works: Miguel Kertsman (b.1965): Concerto Brasileiro for flute, strings & percussion; Concerto for violin, horn & shofar; Journey for bassoon & orchestra; Chamber Symphony no 2 Artists: Dennis Russell Davies/London PO

NXS 8573987 $12.99 Brazilian-American composer, Miguel Kertsman, writes in numerous genres bridging diverse elements to craft a unique sound world.

New Naxos for Winter

Wagner: Der Ring des Nibelungen / Jaap van Zweden/Hong Kong PO [14 CDs] Artists: Matthias Goerne; Simon O’Neill; Michelle DeYoung; Stuart Skelton; David Cangelosi; Heidi Melton; Eric Halfvarson; Gun-Brit Markmin; Shenyang; Jaap van Zweden/Hong Kong PO. (14 CD) (Naxos (USA) 14 NXS 8501403 $58.49

The Mythic plot of Wagner’s visionary Der Ring des Nibelungen (The Ring of the Nibelung) examines the relationship between love and earthly power through the agency of a ring which confers ultimate power on its beaer. One of the most sustained and remarkable achievements in all of music, the tetralogy is performed by an all-star cast, conducted by the new music director of the New York Philharmonic Orchestra, Jaap van Zweden, in performances that have been critically acclaimed worldwide for their “thrilling sense of drama.” (The Sunday Times, London)

Bernstein: Works for Orchestra / Marin Alsop Works: Bernstein: Suite for Orchestra from 1600 Pennsylvania Avenue; Slava; CBS Music; Times Square Ballet from On the Town; Mambo from West Side Story; A Bernstein Birthday Bouquet Artists: Marin Alsop/San Paulo SO

NXS 8559813 $12.99 This recording brings together music from some of Leonard Bernstein’s best-loved scores with seldom heard occasional works and premiere recordings.

French Baroque Orchestral Suites / Kuijken Works: Lully: Roland, suite; Mussaf: Fasciculos I from Florilegium Secundum; Marin Marais: Arias et Bacchus; suite Artists: Barhild Kuijken/Indianapolis Baroque Orch. (1 CD) NXS 8573868 $12.99

The Suite from Roland exemplifies the majesty, beauty and expressive depth of Lully’s ouvertures and chaconnnes. Both Georg Mussaf and Marin Marais were profoundly influenced by Lully, as their inventive suites show.
Organ & Harpsichord

Max Reger: Fantasias & Fugues / David Goode
Artists: David Goode, the Klais organ of Bath Abbey (2 CD) (Signum)
2 SIG 476 $24.99

This latest release of David Goode’s continuing series of Reger organ works includes his Fantasia and Fugue on BACH and the ‘Symphonic’ Fantasia and Fugue. David Goode is organist at Eton College.

The Organ of Oslo Cathedral / Kare Nordstoga Works: J.S. Bach: Toccata and Fugue in D minor; Grieg: Holberg Suite; Arild Sandvold (1895-1984): Norwegian Variations; Reger: Chorale Fantasia; Gounoud: Meditation on Bach’s Prelude in C
Goudin: Meditation on Bach’s Prelude in C
Artists: Kare Nordstoga, organ (1 CD) (LAWO Classics)
LAWO 1103 $16.99

On this new release, organist Kare Nordstoga plays a variety of famous works to showcase the beautiful organ in Oslo Cathedral, built by Norwegian organ builders Ryde & Berg in 1998.

J.S. Bach ‘An Italian Journey’ / Luca Oberti
Works: J.S. Bach: Concertos BWV 971, 972, 974; Fantasia & fugue, BWV 904; Capriccio BWV 992; Aria variata alla Maniera Italiana BWV 989
Artists: Luca Oberti, harpsichord (1 CD) (Arcana)
ACA 443 $18.99

One composer who most fully assimilated the Italian style was Johann Sebastian Bach, who never even set foot in Italy; his journey was a virtual one: traversing the scores of the Italian masters.

Heinrich Schiendlmann: Organ Music
Artists: Joseph Rassam (org) (2 CD) (Brilliant Classics)
2 BLC 95427 $12.99

Heinrich Schiendlmann (1595-1663) wrote almost exclusively for organ, and in the expected forms of choral fantasies, motet arrangements, preludes, toccatas and fantasias which constituted the bread and butter of the 17th-century church musician's diet.

Vincent Lubeck (1654-1740): Complete Harpsichord & Organ Music
Artists: Manuel Tomadin at the Van Hagerbeer/Schnitger organ (1646) in Eutin, The Netherlands (2 CD) (Brilliant Classics)
2 BLC 95453 $16.99

These charming, melodic and inventive pedagogical pieces work well on a small historic harpsichord or clavichord, or on a small or regal stop organ.

Joseph Guy Ropartz: Complete Organ Works
Artists: Markus Eichenlaub (Aristide Cavaillé-Coll organ) (2 SA Hybrid CD) (Aeolus)
2 AEO 10391 $38.99

A student of Massenet and Dubois, whose oeuvre is almost completely forgotten today, Ropartaz (1864-1955) was one of the most interesting protagonists of the rich French organ romantics.

Claude-Bénigne Balbastre Harpsichord Music
Works: Claude-Bénigne Balbastre (1724-1799): Pièces de Clavecin Book I
Artists: Christophe Roussel, harpsichord; Gilone Gaubert-Jacques, violin (1 CD) (Aparate)
AART 163 $21.49

Following recordings of Bach, Couperin and Dufy, Christophe Rousset turns to the harpsichord music of the French composer Claude Balbastre, who contributed significantly to the rise of the piano forte.

16th c. Organ Music / Fausto Caporali, J.S. Bach Works by: Ingegneri, Pallavicino, Merula, Corradi, Noci, Coronelli, Chiariari, Arigihi, Poffa, Berberi, Manna, Paloschi, Petrali, Caudana, Calva (1 CD) (MV Cremona)
MVC 005015 $17.99

This release is of music by composers who were also organists “Maestri di Cappella” in Cremona’s Cathedral from the Sixteenth century onward. The release includes several world premières.

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643): Organ Works
Artists: Bernard Focourelle, (org); Alice Focourelle, (sop); Lambert Colson, (cornet) (1 CD) (Ricercar)
RCR 372 $18.99

Girolamo Frescobaldi recommended flexible playing, freed of any overly strict constraints, insisting on the fact that the musician must play “con affetti cantabili” (with the affects of singing).

Sonatas and Variations / Joby Bell, organ
Works by: Brahms, Jongen, Laurin, Reubke (1 CD) (Centaur)
CEN 3559 $16.99

For this release, Joby Bell plays Joseph Jongen’s “Sonata Eros, Op. 94”, Brahms’s “Variations and Fugue on a Theme by Handel, Op. 24” and Julius Reubke’s “Sonata on the Nineteenth-Fourth Psalm”.

Müthel: Fantasies & Choral Preludes for organ
Works: Johann Gottfried Müthel (1726-1778): Complete Fantasies & Choral Preludes
Artists: Leon Berben, organ (SA Hybrid CD) (Aeolus)
AEOL 11131 $19.99

Even though we know relatively little about his life and his oeuvre, Müthel’s works are considered to be the most important representatives of his epoch.

Organ Music of Andreas Wilscher / Cooman
Works: Andreas Wilscher (b.1955): Organ Symphony No. 5 “Of Francis’s Preaching about Holy Poverty”
Artists: Carson P. Cooman (Organ) (1 CD) (Diadem)
DVT 25150 $18.99

German composer Andreas Wilscher has won many awards for his compositions. His organ works are especially fine and varied – involving often a mélange of post-tonal modernism, minimalism, and jazz and rock elements.

Fascinating Early Music Anthologies

French Renaissance Dances & Chansons
Works: Book of dances and 2nd book of chansons, Paris 1531, published by Pierre Attaingnant
Artists: Robert Bates (org); G. Yvonne Kendall (perc) (1 CD) (Loft Recordings)
LFT 1137 $18.99

Robert Bates performs on an organ with the oldest played façade pipes in France (1558). In 1531 Attaingnant published seven books that are now considered to be among the most important in the entire history of keyboard music.

Virtuosic Venetian Renaissance Music for soprano, recorder & strings
Works by: Akob Arcadelt, Jacquet de Berchem, Anton Francesco Doni, Giacomo Fogliano, Silvestro Ganassi, Diego Ortiz
Artists: Ulride Hofbauer (sop); Thilo Hirsch/Ensemble Arcimboldo (1 CD) (Audite)
ADT 97731 $18.99

Firmly established on the Early Music scene, soprano soloist Ulrike Hofbauer is particularly interested in the study of musical rhetoric, ornamentation and the “re-citar cantando” style, making her an ideal interpreter of the works recorded here.

Early Music

Josquin des Prez: Misere rei Deus, funeral motets & deplorations
Artists: Daniel Reuss/Cappella Amsterdam. (1 CD) (Harmonia Mundi)
HAR 902620 $20.99

This is the first of three albums from Cappella Amsterdam devoted to Franco-Flemish masters of the Renaissance and it offers a selection of Josquin’s secular homages and sacred polyphony which became a model for many composers that followed.

Florilegium Portense - Motets & Hymns
Works by: Praetorius, Hassler, Borsaro, Lasso, Galius, Agazzari, Stefanini, 2. Gabriele, Calvisius et al.
Artists: Peter Kopp/Cappella Sagittariana & Vocal Concert Dresden (1 CD) (Carus)
CRS 83492 $18.99

This 1619 collection titled ‘Florilegium Portense’ of sacred motets from Italy, Germany and the Franco-Flemish region contains motets by the most famous composers of the time in Europe.

Josquin Desprez: Masses / Biscantori
Artists: Juliette de Massy/Biscantori! Et Mémentophoses; Ensembles vocaux. (1 CD) (Ar-se)
ARSE 20181 $16.99

These considerable works, Messe Fortuna despe- rata and Mess Une musique de Biscaye, each more than 33 minutes long, are masterfully written – clearly composed at the height of Josquin’s powers.

The Liberation of the Gothic – Florid Polyphony
Works by: Thomas Ashwell (c.1478-1527); Missa Ave Maria; John Browne (II.1480-1505): Salve re- gina; Stabat mater
Artists: Bjorn Schmalzer/Graindelavoix. (1 CD) (Gliss)
GLS 2115 $18.99

Performing Ashwell’s landmark Missa – a landmark in polyphony - Schmelzer and his Antwerp-bred ensemble echo in sound the rich ornamentation of foliage decorating the walls of Elly’s Lady Chapel.

The Lilly & the Rose” - Adoration of the Virgin in Sound & Stone
Works by: John Cooke, Walter Frye, Guillaume le Rouge, Dunstable, Dammett, John Fowler, Forest, Plummer et al.
Artists: Andrew Kirkman/The Binchois Consort (1 CD) (Hy- perion) HYP 6828 $19.99

Exploring the artistic parallels between music and alabaster sculpture in late medieval England, this recording from The Binchois Consort presents a celebration of the Virgin Mary in sound and stone.

Venite amanti - Frottole & Madrigals from the Italian Renaissance
Works by: Tromboncino; Mantocano; Lasso; Arcadelt; Festa; Lupatto; Cara; Varlor Artists: Barbara Zanchelli, (sop); Luca Piana, (lute) (1 CD) (Stradivarius)
SZ 37106 $16.99

Barbara Zanchelli studied voice with the Russian teacher Anatoli Goussev in Milan. She furthered her studies of performance practice in baroque music with Cristina Miatello, Claudine Ansermet and Roberto Gini.

Sigismondo D’India: Com’è soave cosa
Artists: Claudine Ansermet, (sop); Paolo Cherici, (lute) (1 CD) (Vermeer)
VEER 40018 $14.99

This release features a collection of songs by Sigis- mondo D’India (1582-1629) who composed madri- gals and sacred songs, but his most famous works are airs and laments for solo voice. Each of these songs is rich in expressiveness, with big melodies that draw the listener’s attention.

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Notable New Baroque Albums

**NEW**

**Michel-Richard de Lalande: Grands Motets**
*Artists:* Jana Semeravoda/Collegium Marianum; Olivier Schneebeli/Les Chantres du Centre de Musique Baroque de Versailles. (1 CD) (Glossa) GLS 924301 $18.99

One of the great figures from the French Baroque is starting to receive his just dues through modern recordings, and Glossa is happy to unveil a new release featuring three of Lalande’s (1657-1726) sumptuous grands motets.

**Vivaldi x2 - Double Concertos / La Serenissima**
*Works:* Vivaldi: Double Concertos for oboes, horns, violin & cello, oboe & bassoon
*Artists:* Adrian Chandler (violin)/La Serenissima (1 CD) (Avie Records)

AIE 2392 $17.99

“The freshness incinerates the cobwebs of familiarity in the heat of La Serenissima’s proelyzing zeal.” (BBC Music Magazine Concerto Choice) “Were I asked to condense this review down to two simple words, they would be: ‘buy it.’” (Gramophone)

**Handel: Ode for Saint Cecilia’s Day, HWV 76**
*Artists:* Cassandra Lemoine (sop); Benjamin Butterfield (tnr). Greg Funfgeld/The Bach Choir & Festival Orch. of Bethlehem (1 CD) (Analekta) ANA 29541 $18.99

The Ode is not an oratorio but rather a sequence of movements, comprising instrumental pieces, declarative recitatives, expressive arias, and powerful choruses that extol music and its patron saint. Given this cast and orchestra it will be no surprise that this is a glorious release.

**Tomaso Albinoni: Lontan da te Mia Vita**
*Artists:* I Solisti Ambrosiani (1 CD) (Urania) Italy URA 14039 $16.99

The period instrument Italian ensemble I Solisti Ambrosiani presents six of Albinoni’s (1671-1751) works - three instrumental pieces, and three pieces with voice. What’s more, these four works are receiving here their world premiere recording.

**Vivaldi: Concertos (10) for Transverse Flute**
*Artists:* Alexid Kossenko/Arte Dei Suonatori (1 CD) (Alpha Productions) AHP 354 $12.99

In Holland in the 1720s the transverse flute enjoyed considerable popularity among amateur musicians. Aware of that keen interest, the publisher Michel Le Cene decided in 1729 to publish the very first collection of concertos for flute and orchestra. Vivaldi responded to his request by refurbishing several older works.

**Primo di Lontano: Cello Sonatas on the Double Bass**

On the present release Speed presents Vivaldi’s Cello Sonatas. He has studied these works for many years, and it shows fully in these idiomatic performances.

**Calderà Maddalena ai piedi di Cristo, oratorio**
*Works:* Antonio Calderà (1670-1736): Maddalena ai piedi di Cristo, oratorio for 6 voices with instruments *Artists:* Damien Guillou/Le Banquet Céleste (2 CD) (Alpha) 2 AHP 426 $28.49

The protagonists of La Maddalena, six in number, are split between Earth and Heaven. They divide among them thirty-three arias and ensembles, in a sequence alternating recitative and aria.

**Giovanni Lorenzo Lulier: Cantate e Sonata**
*Works:* Giovanni Lorenzo Lulier (1660-1700): Cantatas & Sonatas *Artists:* Francesca Boncompagni (sop); Marco Ciacco (cello)/Accademia Ottoboni. (1 CD) (Alpha Productions) AHP 406 $18.99

On this release, Lulier’s cantatas are coupled with his sonatas and beautifully performed by Francesca Boncompagni, Accademia Ottoboni, and Marco Ceccato.

**Henry Purcell: Twelve Sonatas in Three Parts, Z.790-801**

This recording reunites four artists, already a plus, and it is backed up by musicians of the highest quality.

**Andre Campara (1660-1744): L’Europe Galante**
*Artists:* Sebastian D’Herin/Le Noveaux Caracteres. Anders J. Dahlin, Nicolas Courjal, Heather Newhouse, Isabelle Druet, Romain Champion (2 CD) (Chateau Versailles) 2 CHUV 002 $28.49

Campara was the most important opera composer between Lully and Rameau. The success of Europe Galante in 1697 is a tribute to this founding work of the Opera-Ballet, mixing dance and opera in the opulent divertissements.

**Michele Mascitti (1664-1760): Sonatas for violin with basso continuo, Op. 8**
*Artists:* Gian Andrea Guerra (vln); Nicola Brovelli (cbl); Matteo Cicchitti (violine), Luigi Accardo (hpnl) (1 CD) (Arcana)

ACA 111 $12.99

The violin sonatas recorded for the first time in this album blend the brilliant and passionate expressivity emanating from the Neapolitan legacy with the elegance and grace of the French instrumental tradition.

**The Emperor’s Fiddler / David Irving, violin**
*Artists:* Johann Schmelzer (1623-1680): Sonata unarmid libri nos 1-6; Johann Caspar Kerll (1627-1693); Pas-sacaglia D minor

This album explores a lavish soundworld featuring a replica of a c.1670 Stainer violin, with strings in equal tension, played with a short and light bow with its hair at high tension.

**Francesco Geminiani: Concerti Grossi (6) Op. 7**
*Artists:* Café Zimmermann (1 CD) (Alpha Productions)

AHF 396 $18.99

“The rhetoric and architecture [Geminiani] employs are still compatible with the Baroque. But the choice and exploration of emotions are already very new, similar to the way we feel today.” (Petr Skalka, cello)

**The English Concert Plays Telemann, Tartini, Marcello, et al.**
*Works:* Nicola Porpora: Cello Concerto; Marcello: Oboe Concerto; Tartini: Violin Concerto; Telemann: Violon Concerto; Evaristo Felice Dall’Abaco: Concerto Artists: Harri Bicket/The English Concert (1 CD) (Signum) SIG 549 $15.99

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Founded in 1973 by Trevor Pinnock, and now under the direction of Harry Bicket, the English Concert has been a leading light in the performance of Baroque and Classical music for over 40 years.

**Telemann & Motter: Flute and Oboe Quartets**
*Artists:* Camerata Bachiani. (1 CD) (Brilliant Classics) BLC 95621, $10.49

With this album, the Leipzig-based Camerata Bachiani make their debut on Brilliant Classics. Founded in 2012, they are now ensemble in residence at the city’s Bach Museum, and they make frequent appearances at the major early-music festivals in central Europe.
The Classical Era

New Mozart Recordings in Brief

**Mozart: Violin Concertos Nos. 1-3 / Nikolaj Sznaider, violin with the London SO**

Violinist Nikolaj Sznaider teases out the wit and charm in these delightful pieces, leading the virtuoso players of the London Symphony Orchestra as Mozart would have done, from the violin. (1 SA Hybrid CD) (LSO Live (London SO))

**Mozart: Symphonies No. 36 & 35 / Gordon Nikolic, Netherlands Chamber Orchestra**

The Netherlands Chamber Orchestra puts down a spicy performance of two of Mozart’s bubbliest symphonies: the “Prague” and the “Linz”. (1 SA Hybrid CD) (Tacet)

**Mozart: Complete Piano Trios / Marta Gulyas, Vilmos Szabadi, Csaba Onczay, Mate Szucs**

Mozart’s first three full-fledged piano trios were composed in his most prolific period: in the summer and autumn of 1786. At that time, the aristocratic circles of Vienna were beginning to recognize his extraordinary genius. (3 CD) (Hungaroton)

**Mozart: Horn Concertos / Johannes Klumpp, Folkwang Chamber Orchestra Essen**

Christoph E.B., hornist with the Bamberg Symphony Orchestra is considered one of the leading hornists of his generation. In addition to the four Mozart concertos, the album also includes Trygve Madsen’s “Invitation to a Journey with Mozart and Four Horn Players”. (1 CD) (Genuin)
The Romantic Era

Sunday Times 100 best records of the year and one existential significance. This is where these performers exist. For the past 30 years he has been playing the cello, experienced chamber musician and concert soloist. Brahms's repertoire. They are what we regard as "the" genuine romantic viola sonata reflecting late Brahms'. Brahms's viola sonatas are a cornerstone of that instrument's music, performed with dedication and delight.

Brahms: Symphonies nos 1 & 3 / van Beinum
Artists: Eduard van Beinum/Concertgebouw Orch. (rec. 1946 & 1952) (1 CD) (Eloquence Australia)
ELOQ 8254996 $16.99

Eloquence album presents his second thoughts on the symphony, as it were, from September 1951. This new recording presents his second thoughts on the symphony.

Donizetti: Messa di Requiem
Artists: Corrado Rovaris/Donizetti Opera Orch. & Chorus (1 CD) (Dynamic) DYN 7813 $18.99

Lesser known than Mozart and Verdi's Requiem, Donizetti's Messa di Requiem for the death of Vincenzo Bellini is infused with a deeply felt spirituality that reveals feelings of sincere admiration and friendship.

Schubert: String Quartets nos. 10 & 14
Artists: Quatuor Van Kuijk (1 CD) (Alpha Productions) AHP 417 $18.99

Quatuor Van Kuijk writes of their new release: "When we approach a composer, we like to immerse ourselves in his or her early works, in order to understand the evolution of the person behind the score..." On this program, Quatuor Van Kuijk combines the youthful quartet, no.10 with the masterpiece Quartet No. 14, "Death and the Maiden".

Brahms: String Quintets Nos. 1 & 2; String Sextets Nos. 1 & 2
Artists: Pierre Foucheneret (vln); Suichi Okada (vln); Lise Berthaud (alt); Adrien Boisseau (alt); Francois Salque (cvo); Yan Levionnois (clo) (2 CD) (B Records)
2 BREC 012 $28.49

The artists write of this new release, "Brahms', more than any other chamber music ensembles; composed for them his entire life; was equally comfortable in duets as he was in sextets; and his enthusiasm and legendary ardour flowed into his writing..."

Tchaikovsky: Symphonies Nos. 2 & 3
Artists: Vladimir Jurowski/London PO (1 CD) (London PO) LPO 1019 $13.99
The previous release of Symphonies Nos. 4 and 5 with these same forces was a Gramophone recording of the month, number 19 in the year, in a poll of the best recordings of the year and one of the Arts Desk’s Top Classical albums of 2012.

The Brahms Project – chamber music for viola
Works: Brahms: Viola Sonatas, Op. 120/1 & 2; Two Songs for contraalto, viola & piano. Op. 91
Artists: Peter Barsony (vla); Idiko Komlosi (alto); Peter Frankl (pno) (1 CD) (Hungaroton) HGR 22809 $18.99

Brahm's viola sonatas are a cornerstone of that instrument's repertoire. They are what we regard as "the" genuine romantic viola sonata reflecting late Brahms'.

Franz von Suppe (1819-1895): Overtures
Artists: Ivan Repusic/Münchner Rundfunkorchester (1 CD) (BR Klassik) BRK 590326 $16.99
Chief Conductor of the Münchner Rundfunkorchester, Ivan Repusic has selected some of Suppe’s best-known and most popular overtures for his new studio production.

Brahms: Sonata for Cello & Piano
Artists: Christian Tetzlaff (vln); Maximilian Hornung (clo); Kiveli Dorken (pno); Vicki Powell (via); Antje Weithass (vln) (1 CD) (Cavi Music)
CACI 8553404 $17.99

Certain traits in Dvorak's trio already seem to reveal his profound affinity with Brahms. Gradually emerging from a series of brief motifs, the first movement's main theme is subjected to thematic treatment throughout. This movement is also the longest, lasting a total of twelve minutes. Its generally gloomy, somber mood does not reflect the true personal style of he who would soon write the Slavonic Dances.

Dvorak: Piano Trio Suk: Piano Quartet in A minor
Artists: Christian Tetzlaff (vln); Maximilian Hornung (clo); Kiveli Dorken (pno); Vicki Powell (via); Antje Weithass (vln) (1 CD) (Cavi Music)
CACI 8553404 $17.99

Novelettes for Piano
SWRM 19422 $18.99

This is a special release! First, there is no other album that gathers together all pieces for violin and orchestra by Schumann. Secondly, this recording was made using the recently published critical edition of the Violin Concerto.

Brahms: Piano Concerto No. 1 & Overtures
CPO 555195 $16.99

This new release featuring the willfully diverse compositional and emotional landscape of newly discovered and rediscovered nineteenth-century Russian music, performed with dedication and delight.

Schubert: Symphonies Nos. 2 & 4
Artists: Jan Willems de Vriend/Residentie Orkest The Hague (1 SA Hybrid CD) (Challenge)
CHL 72739 $16.99 On Sale

After completing the symphonic cycles of Beethoven and Mendelssohn, Jan Willems de Vriend now undertakes Schubert's complete symphonic output. This is the first volume in that series.

Gio'vanni Sgambati: Symphonies Nos. 1 & 2
Artists: Ola Rudner/Wurttembergische Philharmonie Reutlingen (1 CD) (CPO) CPO 555195 $16.99

The harmonic language of Sgambati's (1841-1914) symphonies is tonal but also nuanced with many chromatic means and dissonances. His second symphony here receives its world recording premiere.

Brahms: Piano Quartets Nos 1-3
Artists: Pierre Foucheneret (vln); Lise Berthaud (alt); Francois Salque (clo); Eric le Sage (pno) (2 CD) (B Records)
2 BREC 011 $28.49
Rachmaninov: Piano Concertos Nos. 2 & 4
Artists: Daniil Trifonov (pno); Yannick Nezet-Seguin/The Philadelphia Orch.
(1 CD) (Deutsche Grammophon)
DG  B002879902 $18.99
Pianist Daniil Trifonov releases “Destination Rachmaninov - Departure,” the first of two albums comprising Rachmaninov’s cycle of the great Russian composer’s piano concertos. The album features concertos nos. 2 & 4, along with Rachmaninov’s solo piano transcriptions of three movements from Bach’s Violin Partita in E major.

Vaughan Williams: The Lark Ascending; Greensleeves; Job, A Masque for Dancing
Artists: Barry Wordsworth/Philharmonia Orch.; Robert Haydon Clark/Consort of London. (1 CD) (Musical Concepts)
MSLC 1384 $14.99
“It was” to the credit of Collins that Barry Wordsworth chose for their recording of Vaughan Williams’ Job with the Philharmonia... the drama behind the notes is fully realized... Collins provided a clear and balanced recording.” (Gramophone)

Ravel: Aimer et Mourir, Dances et Melodies
Artists: Ravel: Daphnis et Chloé Suite No. 2; Valse nobles et sentimentales; Henri Duparc: Aux étoiles; 4 songs
Artists: Magdalena Kozena; Robin Ticciati/Deutches SO Berlin (1 CD) (Linn Records)
LINN 510 $16.99
In Ravel’s Valses nobles et sentimentales Ticciati creates a well-paced, yet graceful, Impressionist swirl with clearly defined textures and shimmering orchestral colors. [Duparc’s melodies] sound particularly opulent in their orchestral scoring; the warm tones of Kozena’s ravishing voice provide a perfect match.

Ravel: Chamber Music / Tesla String Quartet
Artists: Ravel: String Quartet in F major; Menet ou sur le nom d’Haydn; Menuet antique; Menuet in C#; Haydn: String Quartet, Op. 54/2; Stravinsky: Concertino
Artists: Tesla Quartet (1 CD) (Orchid Classics) ORPO 100085 $16.99
Praised for their “superb capacity to find the inner heart of everything they play, regardless of the era, style or technical demand” (The International Review of Music) the Tesla Quartet brings refinement and prowess to both new and established repertoire.

Gaite Parisienne – Ravel, Poulenc, Offenbach
Works: Ravel: Valses Nobles et Sentimentales; Poulenc: Les Biches Suite; Offenbach: Gaite Parisienne
Artists: Fabien Gabel/Orchestre Symphonique de Quebec. (1 CD) (ATMA)
ATMA 22757 $16.99
From the waltz to the French cancan to the ballet, this program by the Orchestre symphonique de Quebec under the baton of conductor Fabien Gabel illustrates the perfect symbiosis between dance and French music.

Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony / Brabbins
Artists: Elizabeth Llewellyn, Marcus Farnsworth.Martyn Brabbins/BBC Sym. Chorus; BBC SO. (1 CD) (Hyperion)
HYP 68245 $20.99
Martyn Brabbins and the BBC Symphony Orchestra perform one of the mightiest of first symphonies ever written. The coupling is Vaughan Williams’s later, virtually unknown, setting of Whitman’s “Darkest thou now, O soul” for chorus and strings.

Wilhelm Stenhamner; Orchestral Works
Works: Wilhelm Stenhamner (1871-1927): Suite from Romeo & Juliette; Reverenza; Two Sentimental Romances; Sanganer Arias; Sara Trobat (vln); Neeme Jarvi/Gotehurg Sym. (rec. live) (1 SA Hybrid CD) (BIS (Sweden))
BIS 2359 $19.99
Concert Master Sara Troback does pride to the orchestra dating from 1914, is probably the composer’s most popular work, and will forever be associated with the horrors of World War I.

Post Romantic Era
A Portrait of Alfonso Rendano (1853-1931)
Works: Piano Quintet; Pieces (4) for solo piano Artists: Daniela Roma, (pno); Quartetto Modus. (1 CD) (Digisirene Music)
DIGR 80 $17.99
Alfonso Rendano was part of the “Salomonski”, where all nineteenth-century pianists careers developed, writing in an elegant, seductive style. The “Quintet in A minor” for piano and strings is among the most demanding compositions of Rendano’s youthful years.

Mark Elder Conducts Edward Elgar
Works: Edward Elgar (1857-1934): The Wand of Youth, Suites Nos. 1 & 2; Salut D’Amour; Nursery Suite; Chanson de Nuit, Op. 15
Artists: Mark Elder; Halle (1 CD) (Halle Records)
HALE 7548 $18.99
The latest release in Halle’s award winning Elgar Edition features works which reveal aspects of Elgar as both man and composer, reflecting his nostalgic strain and his gift for memorable, melodic invention

Ernest Ansermet Conducts Ravel, Debussy, Stravinsky
Artists: Ravel: Daphnis et Chloé; La Valse; Debussy: Prelude of an Afternoon of a Faun; Jeux; Stravinsky: Pulcinella; Les Noces Artists: Ernest Ansermet/L’Orchestre de la Suisse Romande. (2 CD) (Elodeau) 2 ELOQ 8249893 $25.99
A generous collection of classic Decca stereo recordings, illuminating the idiomatic sympathy of the Swiss conductor Ernest Ansermet for ballet music and specifically the scores commissioned by Serge Diaghilev for the Ballets Russes.

Hans Weiss: Clarinet Chamber Music
Works: Hans Weiss (1892-1940): Clarinet Sonata, Op. 10; Quintet for clarinet & strings Artists: Friederike Roth, (clt); Viller Valbonesi, (pno); Berolina Ensemble. (1 SA Hybrid CD) (MDAG) MDG 9482078 $16.99 On Sale
These elegant, romantic gems - the Clarinet Quartet and Sonata for Piano and Clarinet penned by Hans Weiss - are heard on this release in what may be first-ever performances.

Theodore Dubois: Works for Violin & Piano
Works: Theodore Dubois (1837-1924): Violin Concerto in D minor; Violin Sonata; Ballad Artists: Ingrid Turban, (vln); Lukas Maria Kuen, (pno); Raoul Grunew/Saarbrucken Kaiserslautern; Deutsche Radio PO (1 CD) (CPO) CPO 779732 $16.99
The quality of Dubois’ Violin Concerto is manifest ed most impressively in the Adagio middle movement - here, the deepest depths are fathomed with big sound, and indescent heights are scaled.

Franz Schreker: Works for Voice & Strings
Works: Franz Schreker (1878-1934): Eckekhard; On Eternal Life; Fantastic Overture; Four Little Pieces for Large Orchestra; Prelude to a Grand Opera Artists: Valda Wilson (sop); Christopher Ward/Deutsche Staatsphilharmonie Rheinlnd.; Pfalz (1 CD) (Capriccio) CAP 5348 $16.99
After the ban the Nazi’s had imposed on him, it took a long time for Schreker’s oeuvre to be rediscovered, excavated from the archives, subjected to a re-appraisal and acknowledged as indispensable in one of the most fascinating periods of musical history.

Vaughan Williams: A Sea Symphony; The Lark Ascending
Artists: Sarah Fox (sop); Mark Stone (bar); James Ehnes (vn); Andrew Manze/Royal PO (1 CD) (Onyx Classics)
NYX 4135 $20.99
The Lark Ascending, a romance for violin and orchestra dating from 1914, is probably the composer’s most popular work, and will forever be associated with the horrors of World War I.

New Release Highlights
Mahler: Symphony No. 5 / Daniel Harding
Artists: Daniel Harding/ Swedish RSO. (1 CD) (Harmonia Mund) HAY 902366 $20.99
With this release of the Symphony No. 5, Daniel Harding and the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra continue their survey of Mahler’s symphonies. A daunting challenge for any orchestra, under Daniel Harding the Swedish Radio Symphony Orchestra offers listeners a performance to remember.

Karl Goldmark (1830-1915): Orchestral Works
When his overture Sakuntala was premiered in Vienna, news of this masterful and tonally beautiful music spread like wildfire; it is not surprising that Goldmark repeatedly returned to the overture form.

Albert Roussel, Florent Schmitt, Andre Prevost: Works for Violin & Piano
Works: Albert Roussel (1869-1937): Violin Sonata No. 2; Florent Schmitt: Sonata Libre en Deux Mouvements; Andre Prevost: Sonata for Violin & Piano Artists: Helene Colierette, (vln); Anne le Bozec, (pno) (1 CD) (Signature) SGT 11107 $18.99
The three works presented here epitomize a vibrant period for French chamber music and its sphere of influence. Rhythmic energy galvanizes this Franco-Canadian program from start to finish, innervating passages of expressive intimacy with the same intensity as wilder pages bristling with vigor.
Gershwin Reimagined: An American In London

Works: Gershwin: Rhapsody in Blue; An American in Paris; Fascinating Rhythm; Three Preludes; I Got Rhythm; e.t.al. Artists: Arturo Sandoval, Mark O’Conner, Monica Mancini, Shelly Berg (pno); Jose Serebrier/Royal PO (1 CD) (Decca)

Recorded at the famed Air Lyndhurst Studios in London, the album is a sonically “hi-def” contemporary treatment of classic Gershwin pieces performed by Grammy-winning musicians Arturo Sandoval and Mark O’Conner.

Major Concertos for Violin & Orchestra

Bartok: Violin Concerto No. 1; Enescu: Octet for strings

Artists: Vilde Frang (vln); Enescu Octet; Miklo Franck/ French Natl Radio PO (1 CD) (Warner Classics)

WRNC 573794 $19.99

Bela Bartok and George Enescu were born in same year - 1881. Both pieces on this recording are youth works of theirs, from 1900 (Enescu Octet) and 1907 (Bartok’s 1st violin concerto).

David Oistrakh plays Szymanowski & Hindemith

Works: Szymanowski: Violin Concerto No. 1; Violin Sonata; Paul Hindemith: Violin Concerto in D minor (Dohnanyi, 1933) Artists: David Oistrakh/Philharmonia Orchester; Vladimir Yampolsky (pno); Kurt Sanderling/Leningrad PO (1 CD) (Musical Concepts)

“When a great artist does take up a modern work, what a difference it makes... this is a really outstanding violin concerto [Hindemith]... exquisitely beautiful at times.” (Gramophone)

Richard Strauss: Violin Concerto; Miniatures

Artists: Arabella Steinbacher (vln); Lawrence Foster/ WDR SO (1 SA Hybrid CD) (PentaTone Classics)

PTE 5166653 $19.99

Devoted largely to miniatures and songs arranged for violin and orchestra by Peter von Weinhardt, this album begins with Strauss' rarely performed Violin Concerto in D minor, composed when he was still a teenager.

The Modern Era

Josef Tal: Works for solo viola and viola & piano

Works: Josef Tal (1910-2008): Suite for viola solo; Perspective for viola solo; Sonata for viola and piano; Duo for viola and piano Artists: Hartmut Rohde (vla); Christian Siebert (pno) (1 CD) (CAvi Music)

CAVI 8553144 $17.99

Josef Tal was an Israeli composer and a student of Paul Hindemith who is considered one of the founding fathers of Israeli art music.

Leonard Bernstein - Broadway to Hollywood

Works: Leonard Bernstein: Candide, On the Waterfront, Fancy Free, West Side Story, On the Town Artists: Iain Sutherland/Hannover Philharmonic (1 CD) (Somm)

SOMM 5002 $18.99

SOMM Recordings celebrates the centenary of Leonard Bernstein’s birth in style with this remarkable 1993 live broadcast recording - never before issued and newly mastered.

The Modern Era

American Vistas - music for string trio

Works: Walter Piston: Three Counterpoints; Alan Hovhaness: Trio, Op. 201; Henry Cowell: Seven Paragraphs; David Colson: String Trio No. 1; John Harbison: Trio Sonata Artists: Concordia String Trio (1 CD) (Centaur)

CEN 3625 $16.99

On this release, the Concordia String Trio programs a great American works for String Trio.

Stravinsky arrangements for 2 pianos

Works: Stravinsky: Petrushka; Concertino; Agon; Scherzo a la Russe Artists: Bugallo-Williams Piano Duo (1 CD) (Wergo)

WER 73712 $18.99

The young Stravinsky became acquainted with large parts of the Western music repertoire through piano arrangements, and later arranged his own major works for piano duet or for two pianos as well.

Viktor Kalabis: Chamber Music Sonatas

Walter Braunfels: Works for Piano & Orchestra

Works: Viktor Kalabis (1923-2008): Cello Sonata; Clarinet Sonata; Violin Concerto; Viola and Piano Sonata; Artists: Tomas Jammik (c); Anna Paulova (c); Jan Fiser (vln); Ivo Kahanek (pno) (1 CD) (Supraphon)

SPR 4210 $19.99

Although he also drew inspiration from 20th-century classics, Kalabis arrived at a synthetic style of his own, an alternative to the rational composition techniques - a Neo-Romantic alternative, akin to Neo-Classicism.

Viktor Kalabis: Chamber Music Sonatas

Walter Braunfels: Works for Piano & Orchestra


CAP 5345 $16.99

This sixth release of Capriccio’s Braunfels Edition shows again his large range of colorful music and focus this time on his works for piano and orchestra from three different periods of his life.

Music for Violin & Piano by Prokofiev, Fergu

eson, Messiaen

Works: Prokofiev: Violin Sonata No. 1; Howard Ferguson: Violin Sonata No. 2; Oliver Messiaen: ‘Praise to the Immortality of Jesus’ from the Quartet of the End of Time Artists: Betul Soykan (vln); Juan Pablo Andrade (pno) (1 CD) (Centaur)

CEN 3666 $15.49 On Sale

This new release features major works of music for violin and piano from the era of WWI that were inspired by the holocaust.
Concertos & Orchestral Works

Violinist Anne Akiko Meyers: Mirror in Mirror
Works by: Ciupiński, Corigliano, Glass, Lauridsen, Part, Ravel
Artists: Anne Akiko Meyers, (violin); Akira Eguchi, (piano); Kristjan Järvi/Philharmonia Orch. (1 CD) (Avie Records) AIE 2386 $17.99
‘Mirror in Mirror’ is one of Anne Akiko Meyers’ most personal projects to date. With the exception of Ravel, Anne collaborated with all of the composers and arrangers on this album. The music is reflective and spiritual, and weaves a compelling musical story.

Jonathan Dove: A Brief History of Creation
Works by: Mark Elder/BBC SO; Hailey’s Children’s Choir (1 CD) (NMC Recordings) NMC 233 $18.99
Dove turned to the work of scientist James Lovelock, who developed the idea that the Earth behaves as a self-regulating organism, which always maintains a balance favorable for life. Lovelock himself describes this relationship as a dance, making it natural for Dove to set to music. The resulting piece is a celebration of the resilience of life.

Aspects of America - 20th & 21st Century Orchestral Works
Works by: Sean Shepherd, Sebastian Currier, Christopher Rouse, Kenji Bunch, Samuel Barber
Artists: Carlos Kalmar/ORANGE (1 SA Hybrid CD) (Pentatone) PTE 5186727 $19.99
Aspects of America presents a fascinating collection of 20th- and 21st-century American orchestral music, ranging from “good old” Samuel Barber’s “Souvenirs” to pieces by esteemed living composers such as Sean Shepherd (Magia), Sebastian Currier (Microsymphony) and Christopher Rouse (Supplieca).

Contemporary Music

Arnold Griller: Orchestral Music, Vol. 2
Works: Arnold Griller (b. 1937): Introduction, Cakewalk and Allegro; Rhapsody Concertante; Scherzo; Symphonies. They explore the darker side of the human spirit, evolving music, and recurring asymmetric patterns.

Howard Goodall (b.1958): Invictus, a Passion
Artists: Kirsty Hopkins (soprano); Mark Dobell (tenor); Stephen Darlington/Christ Church Cathedral Choir, Oxford; Lanner Ensemble. (1 CD) (Coro) COO 16165 $18.99
Howard Goodall has composed some of the best-known British TV themes of the last 30 years, and his score for the HBO film ‘In to the Storm’ won him a Primetime Emmy award for Original Dramatic Score in 2009.

Huw Watkins: Symphony; Flute Concerto; Violin Concerto
Artists: Adam Walker (full); Alina Ibragimova (violin); Ryan Wigglesworth/Halle; Edward Gardner/BBC SO (1 CD) (NMC) NMC 224 $18.99
Welsh-born Huw Watkins is one of today’s leading composer-pianists and this album (his second for NMC Recordings) showcases his vibrant, lyrical and impeccably crafted orchestral writing.

Contemporary Works for Violin & Orchestra Works: Violin Concertos by James Newton Howard & Aaron Jay Kernis; Bramwell Tovey: Stream of Limelights; Artists: James Ehnes (violin); Andrew Armstrong (piano). Ludovic Morlot/Seattle SO; Cristian Macelaru/Detroit SO (1 CD) (Onyx Classics) NYX 4189 $19.99
This program features the world premiere of three works written for violinist James Ehnes. Familiar to movie fans the world over, James Newton Howard has composed over 120 film scores.

Magnus Lindberg (b.1958): Tempus fugit; Violin Concerto No. 2
Artists: Frank Peter Zimmermann (violin); Hannu Lintu/Finnish RSO (1 SA Hybrid CD) (Ondine) OND 1308 $16.99
The music is at times lucid and bright and at times lusciously sonorous, and the soloist is called upon to display both florid work and soaring melody arcs. Tempus fugit is a 33 minute orchestral work commissioned by the Finnish Radio Symphony.

Morton Feldman: Atlantis; String Quartet & Orchestra; Oboe & Orchestra
Artists: Han de Vries (oboe); Lucas Vis/Frankfurt RSO; Pellegrini Quartet (1 CD) (Hát Hut) HTTH 206 $18.99
Feldman’s works are characterized by rhythms that seem to be free and floating, pitch shadings that seem softly unfocused, a generally quiet and slowly evolving music, and recurring asymmetric patterns.

Music for solo trumpet by Philip Glass
Works: Philip Glass: Three Pieces in the Shape of a Square - Melodies; Gradus; Piece in the Shape of a Square. Artists: Craig Morris (tpt) (1 CD) (Bridge) BGD 9508 $16.99
Craig Morris, former principal trumpet player of the Chicago Symphony Orchestra, has here recorded brilliant solo trumpet versions of three Philip Glass classics.

Music for solo piano by Philip Glass
Works: Philip Glass: Heaven is Shy of Earth; The Comedy of Change. Artists: Susan Bickley; Oliver Knussen/BBC SO & Chorus; London Sinfonietta; Onyx Classics ABA 422 $18.99
This recording includes the world premiere recording of an oratorio written by Julian Anderson, one of the most remarkable British composers of our era. It is also a testimony of artistic collaboration and friendship between him and conductor/composer Oliver Knussen that lasted for 37 years.

Craig Armstrong: Sun on You
Grammy-winning film music composer (Moulin Rouge! Ray, Love Actually) Craig Armstrong’s Sun on You is a beautiful collection of original works for piano and strings that offers an escape into a gentle, peaceful, and uplifting sound world.

Sefano Scodanibbio (1956-2012): Alisei, works for bass & ensemble
Artists: Daniele Roccato (bass); Ludus Gravis Ensemble (1 CD) (ECM) ECM 0029060202 $23.99
The pieces are an often-breathtaking compendium of extended techniques that he invented or developed throughout his life and which challenge the musicians to push virtuosity to its limits.

Steve Reich (b.1936): Drumming, parts I-IV
Artists: Kuniko (drums) (1 CD) (Linn) LINN 582 $18.99
This seminal work employs Reich’s trademark phasing technique; subtle changes in timing and timbre cause the soundscape to build through a series of rhythmic loops which evolve to create a wholly immersive experience.

Kent Nagano Conducts Wolfgang Rihm, Jean-Pascal Beintus

Julian Anderson (b.1967): Heaven is Shy of Earth; The Comedy of Change
Artists: Susan Bickley; Oliver Knussen/BBC SO & Chorus; London Sinfonietta (1 CD) (Ondine) OND 1313 $16.99
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New Contemporary Recordings in Brief

Symphonies of Walter Piston, Samuel Jones & Stephen Albert / Lance Frieden, London SO
Works: Walter Piston: Symphony No. 8; Samuel Jones: Symphony No. 3; Stephen Albert: Symphony No. 2 (1 SA Hybrid CD) (BIS Sweden) BIS 2118 $19.99
Conductor Lance Frieden strikes a blow for three fellow American composers.

Walter Wolff: Music for Piano, Cello & Violin / Walter Wolff, piano
Artists: Gabi Sultana, violin; Tomas Nuñez-Garcés, cello (1 CD) (Alba) ABA 422 $18.99
The present album consists of a variety of chamber music composed by Wolff, from a solo viola work to a piano trio. The music’s moods range from lively rhythmic to a peaceful, almost meditative calm.

David Lang (b.1957): Writing on Water; Forced March; Increase; Pierced
Artists: Alan Pierson/Synergy Voices; Jurjen Hempel/London Sinfonietta; Alarm Will Sound: Crash Ensemble; FLUX Quartet; Real Quiet (1 CD) (Canteloupe) CPE 21139 $16.99
Comprised of four pieces for four different ensembles, David Lang’s “writing on water” is a free-flowing recording that presents several unique and rarely revealed facets of the composer.
Reissues of Classic Performances

Verdi: Rigoletto / Cappuccilli, Cotrubas, Domingo, Gailini [2 CDs + Blu-ray Audio]  
Artists: Piero Cappuccilli; Ileana Cotrubas; Placido Domingo; Elena Obraztsova; Nikolai Ghiaurov; Kurt Moll; Hanna Schwarz; Carlo Maria Gailini/Vienna PO (Deutsche Grammophon)  
3 DGG 4835605 $45.99  
This 2-CDs + Blu-ray Audio disc (2.0 LPCM 96kHz/24 Bit) deluxe hardback edition presents Gailini’s 1980 reading of Verdi’s Rigoletto with the Vienna Philharmonic, with a cast led by Cappuccilli, Cotrubas and Domingo. The 160-page booklet includes an essay by Franzpeter Messmer on the Italian operatic tradition.

Verdi: Macbeth / Cappuccilli, Ghaurov, Verrett, Abbado [2 CDs + Blu-ray Audio]  
Artists: Piero Cappuccilli; Nikolai Ghaurov; Shirley Verrett; Stefania Malagu; Placido Domingo; Antonio Sanzavarto; Carlo Zardo; Claudio Abbado/Vienna PO & La Scala Chorus (Deutsche Grammophon)  
3 DGG 4835567 $45.99  
This 2-CDs + Blu-ray Audio disc (2.0 LPCM 96kHz/24 Bit) deluxe hardback edition presents Claudio Abbado’s glorious 1976 recording of Verdi’s Macbeth, featuring the great Shirley Verrett as Lady Macbeth. A 180-page book includes essays by Tonmeester Günter Herrmanns and Richard Osborne / Peter Cossé.

Mozart: The Marriage of Figaro; Don Giovanni; Cosi fan Tutte [9 CDs]  
Artists: Simon Keenlyside; Veronica Gens; Johannes Weisser; Lorenzo Regazzo; Bernarda Fink; Werner Gura; et al. Rene Jacobs/Concerto Koln; Freiburger Barockorchester. (9 CD) (Harmonia Mundi)  
9 HAR 2908801 $44.99  
The Marriage of Figaro, Don Giovanni and Cosi fan tutte stand as towering monuments in the genre, and these performances led by René Jacobs, collected here in specially priced boxed set, do full justice to their many musical wonders.

Alois Bröder (b.1961): The Wives of the Dead  
Artists: Marisca Mulder; Meisje Label; Manwan Shamieh; Johannes Pell/PO Erfurt (2 CD) (Dreyer-Gaido)  
2 DYO 21106 $29.99  
In 2008, Alois Bröder was commissioned to compose an opera, and after a time found his ideal subject in Nathaniel Hawthorne’s short story ‘The Wives of the Dead.’ The template offers everything that the operatic heart desires: “It requires almost no reduction, is ambiguous, irresistible... and almost without an internal narrative,” says the composer.

Purcell: King Arthur, semi-opera  
Artists: Stefanie True, Caroline Weynants, Marcus Farnsworth, Zuzszi Toth, Sophie Junker; Lionel Meunier/Vox Luminis (2 CD) (Alpha Productions)  
2 AHP 430 $25.49  
The operetta in 8 scenes by the Hungarian composer Emmerich Kalman (1882-1953) features German libretto by Paul Knepler and Geza Herczeg. It premiered in Zurich at the Stadt Theater in 1936, but has been rarely performed since then.

New Opera Recordings in Brief

Rossini: Maometto II / Antonino Fogliani, Virtuosi Brunenses & Camerata Bach Choir, Poznan  
Artists: Mirco Palazzi; Elisa Babbo; Mert Sungu (3 CD) (Naxos)  
3 NXS 8660444 $38.99  
Heard here in its original Naples version, this is a movingly tragic drama in which the suicide of the main female role is not without a grim relevance even today.

Verdi: Macbeth (1847) / Fabio Biondi, Europa Galante, Podiasse Opera Chorus  
Artists: Giovanni Meoni, Jada Michah, Fabrizio Beggi (2 CD) (Glossa)  
2 GLS 923411 $29.99  
This world premiere release of La Doriclea is a major achievement for The Stradella Project. “Through his festival and recording project, Andrea De Carlo is raising the profile of this pioneering Italian composer.” (Gramophone)

Kalman: Kaiserin Josephine, operetta  
Artists: Vincen Schirrmacher; Mariann Portmann; Constant Zeitler; Paul Schnitzberger; Alois Walch,hofer. Marius Burkert/Lehar Orch. & Festival Chorus (2 CD) (Pjo )  
2 COP 955136 $31.99  
Musically this homage to an 18th-century musical synthesis of the dramatic and lyrical, as well as respect for the singers involved.

Alessandro Stadelda (1643-1682): La Doricia  
Artists: Emoke Barth, Giuseppina Bridelli, Xavier Sabata, Gabrielli Martellucci, Luca Cervoni. Andrea De Carlo, Il Pomo d’Oro (3 CD) (Arcana)  
3 ACA 454 $37.49  
We will be able to hear the complete premiere of the version abiding by the 1888 autograph manuscript.

Giuseppe Apolloni (1822-1889): L’Ebreo  
Artists: Simone Alaimo, Fernanda Costa, Dino di Domenico, Armando Caforio, Paola Bidinelli, Massimo de Bernart/Orch. Sinfonica di San Remo (2 CD) (Bongiovanni)  
2 BGV 208990 $29.49  
As writing for the theatre had been his greatest wish for some time, Schubert happily accepted the invitation to compose the music for the Magic Harp, even as it was only two weeks before the opening!

Handel: Serse / Franco Fagioli, Viviola Genaux  
Artists: Maxim Emelyanychev/Pom d’Oro. (3 CD) (DG)  
3 DGG 800293802 $49.99  
Opening with the famous aria “Ombra Mai Fu,” “Serse remains one of Handel’s most popular operas. Starring Franco Fagioli in the title role, this is the first recording of the opera with a countertenor as the eponymous king, originally sung by a soprano castrato.

Vivaldi: Il Giustino / Ottavio Dantone  
Artists: Delphine Galou; Eome Barel; Silke Gang; Veronica Cangemi; Emiliano Gonzalez Toro; Rahel Maas; Ottavio Dantone/Accademia Bizantina (3 CD) (Naïve)  
3 NAI 30571 $29.99  
With this new recording, the madly epic and romantic opera, Il Giustino, finally receives its place in the spotlight. It needed the talent of a charismatic conductor to bring this gem back to life, and it is Ottavio Dantone.
Solo Vocal Releases

Ida Henriette d' Fonseca: 18 Songs
Artists: Helene Hvass Hansen (sop); Catherine Penderup (pno) (1 CD) (Danacord)
DCD 777 $16.99
This is the first ever complete recording of the 18 beautiful songs by the singer and composer, Ida Henriette d’ Fonseca (1806-1858), who aside from being a wonderful composer, also went on to become the leading singer in Scandinavia. The songs are original, melodic, and utterly charming.

Mahler: Song Cycles, arr. for string quartet
Works: Mahler: Lieder eines fahrenden Gesellen; Ruck- ert-Lieder; Kindertotenlieder Artists: Kindra Scharich (mez); Alexander String Quartet. (1 CD) (Foghorn Music) FOGH 2019 $16.99
Transcribed for voice and string quartet by Zakarias Grafilo, this world-premiere recording of these exquisite transcriptions combine the lushness of the orchestral versions with the intimacy of chamber music - and the result is transcendent.

Mezzo-Soprano Caroline Gélinas, ’Confidences’
Works: Debussy: Trois Chansons de Bilitis; Robert Fleming: The Confessions Stone; Schumann: Gedichte der Königin Maria Stuart; Ravel: Sheherazade; Tristan Klingsor, Owen Vincent Dodson Artists: Caroline Gélinas (mez); Olivier Godin (pno) (1 CD) (ATMA) ATMA 22761 $16.99

French Chansons / Charlotte Haesen
Works by: Leo Ferre, Georges Brassens, Jacques Brel, Charles Trenet, Charlotte Haesen, Michel Legrand, et al. Artists: Charlotte Haesen (voix); Café des Chansons (1 CD) (Challenge)
CHL 72780 $15.49 On Sale
On a sunny Saturday afternoon, jazz vocal-ist Charlotte Haesen was discovered singing French chansons at Amsterdam’s Noordermarkt by viola player Odille Torenbeek which lead to this chansons program anchored in a string quartet ensemble.

Elisabeth Kulman Sings Schumann, Schubert
Works: Songs by Robert Schumann, Franz Schubert & Herwig Reiter (b.1941) Artists: Elisabeth Kulman (mezz); Eduard Kutrowitz (pno) (1 CD) (Orfeo)
ORF 956181 $22.99
Placing Herwig Reiter’s set- tings in a dialogue with lieder by Schubert and Schumann appears at first glance to be courageous, however on closer inspection the art of selection and comparison shown by these artists proves to be the perfect symphony.

Romantic Songs & Piano Transcriptions
Works by: Liszt, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Wolf, Strauss, Godowsky, Wagner, Schumann, Giese- king, Kirchner, Brahms et al. Artists: Cyprien Katsaris (pno); Christoph Pregardien (tnr) (1 CD) (Challence)
CHL 72787 $15.49 On Sale
Cyprien Katsaris conceived of this unique program titled ‘Auf Flugeln des Gesanges’ that will appeal to both pianophiles and Lieder fans; he explains: “the concept would be a combination of German Lieder, each of them followed by a piano transcription. Christoph Pregardien immediately agreed.”

Parry: Twelve Sets of English Lyrics, Vol. 3
Artists: Sarah Fox (sop); Roderick Williams (bar); Andrew West (pno) (1 CD) (Sommi) SOMM 272 $18.99
SOMM Recordings’ historic, enthusiastically reviewed survey of Sir Hubert Parry’s (1848-1918) 12 Sets of English Lyrics reaches its end with a third revelatory volume. Of Volume II, MusicWeb International said: “Lovers of English songs, and Parry in partic- ular, should be in their element with this satisfying album on Somm”.

Liszt: Complete Songs, Vol. 5 / Allan Clayton
Works: Liszt: Freudvoll und Leidvoll; die Lorelei; An Edli- tam; Hohe Liebe; Gestorben war ich; Enfant, si j’étais roi; Jugendgluck et al. Artists: Allan Clayton (tnr); Julius Drake (pno) (1 CD) (Hyperion) HYP 68179 $20.99
On volume five of Hyperion’s Complete Liszt Songs series, tenor Allan Clayton demonstrates his excep- tional versatility across eighteen selections that make prodigious technical and musical demands of the performers.

John Dowland: First Booke of Songes or Ayres
Artists: Grace Davidson (sop); David Miller (ite) (1 CD) (Signum Records) SIG 553 $15.99 On Sale
Blending melancholy with wit in his writing for both lute and voice, John Dowland’s lute songs have continued to enchant audiences and singers for nearly 400 years.

Donizetti: Nocturnes; Soirees
Works: Donizetti: 6 Ariettes de nuit; Enfant, si j’etasi roi; war ich; Enfant, si j’etasi roi; Leidvoll; die Lorelei; An Edli- tam; Hohe Liebe; Gestorben war ich; Enfant, si j’étais roi; Jugendgluck et al. Artists: Allan Clayton (tnr); Julius Drake (pno) (1 CD) (Hyperion) HYP 68179 $20.99
The complete collection is far less often heard, and recorded, lending considerable rarity value to this new collection. It is led by the soprano Letizia Calandra, a specialist in Neapolitan repertoire.

Lars Björling: The Art of Singing, Vol. 2
Works by: Tchaikovsky, Verdi, Mozart, Gounod, Cilea, Meyerbeer, Korngold, Rossini, Bellini, et al. Artists: Lars Björling (tnr); Jan Eyron (pno) (2 CD) (Stirling) 2 STR 1826 $29.99
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Baritone Christoph Pregardien Sings Cantatas
Works by: J.S. Bach, Jo- hann Friedrich Fasch Artists: Christoph Pregardien (bar); Lorenzo Ghielmi/Vox Orchestra (1 CD) (Deutsche Harmonia Mundi Import) DHM1 8341224 $19.99
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Songs of the Orient / Simon Wallfisch
Works by: Viktor Ullmann, Einem, Haas, Wellesz, Strauss, Gal Artists: Simon Wallfisch (bar); Edward Rushton (pno) (1 CD) (Nimbus) NIM 5971 $18.99
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Ballade Through the Ages / Robert Holzer
Works by: Schubert, Marschner, Loewe, Brahms, Wolf, Weismann Artists: Robert Holzer (bass), Thomas Kerbl (pno) (1 CD) (Gramola)
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Subtitled ‘Ballades Through the Ages’, this release puts a focus on the literary form of the ballade. The program spans an arc from works of the middle ages, by Schubert, Loewe, Heinrich Marschner, Schumann, Brahms and Wolf, to Wilhelm Weismann.

Voices of Women - songs by & about women
Works by: Rachmaninov, Amy Beach, Libby Larsen, Poulen, Sondheim, Barber, Fanny Mendels- sohn, et al. Artists: Heather Fetrow (sop); Mia Henry (pno) (1 CD) (Affetto) AFFT 1805 $16.99
The focus of an album of songs by women composit- ers and other songs about women is unique, and brings to the fore the vague social change the world is undergoing with respect to the women in our society.

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Works by: Caldara; Heinichen; Pistocchi; Sances; A. Scarlatti Artists: Amaryllis Dietliens (sop); Bart Naessens (clavichord); Capriolo di Gioia (1 CD) (Aeolus) AEOIL 10103 $18.99
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To Cecilia - Swedish Love Songs
Works by: Hjalmar Casserman; Richard Strauss; Evert Taube; Hugo Alven; Lille Bror Soderlund; Torgny Bjork; Gunnar Turesson; Leo Ferre; Moni- ca Dominique; Rolf Fogelstrom; Per Erik Moraeus; Artists: Torsten Mossberg (tnr); Stina Helberg; Jonas Isaksson; Anders Karlqvist (1 CD) (Swedish) STR 1818 $18.99
New Release Highlights for Winter 2019

George Antheil (1900-59): Piano Music, Vol. 1

Works: Mother's Day Piece; The Ben Hecht Valse; Musical Picture of a Friend; Carnival of the Beautiful Dresses; Two Toccatas; Valentine Waltzes; Piano Sonata No. 5

Artists: Judy Pang, piano (Tocatta)

TOC 0447 $16.99 On Sale

This anthology from the last twenty years of Antheil’s life reveals a muse that could be affectionate, flirtatious and capricious - but the ‘Bad Boy’ occasionally re-emerges, as in the wild, peppery, Prokofievan character. It is not without reason that the most recent album of French pianist Jean-Claude Henriot is praised by the Washington Post for an “unusually fresh and arresting approach to the piano”. Michael Adcock loves the ragtime literature. This album contains older as well as contemporary ragtime works.

Zbigniew Preisner (b.1955): Piano Music

Works: The Secret Garden; Fairytale: A True Story; Aberdeen; Damage et al. Artists: Jeroen van Veen, piano (2 CD) (Bisantion Classics)

2 BLC 95411 $19.99

Known above all through his collaborations with the film-maker Krysztof Kieslowski, Zbigniew Preisner is one of the most frequently broadcast composers of our time, yet his name is little known. Thus this new album from the prince of the Minimalist piano, Jeroen van Veen, fills a significant gap in the market.

Sonata Reminiscenza, Anna Zassimova, piano

Work by: Peter Caloore, Medtnierz, Scibiarn, Rebikov, Kalininkov, Lajdow Wschenegradskii (1 CD) (Hanssler)

HAN 18022 $18.99

Ms. Zassimova performs Russian music at the turn of the 20th century. “What keeps amazing me is the number of gems that are still to be discovered in the piano repertoire of this period and the high quality of these rarely performed works...” - Anna Zassimova

Franz Xaver Mozart (1791-1844): Piano Works

Works: Piano Sonata, Op. 10; 6 Polonaises, Op. 17; Fantasia in C Major, K.475; Rondo (Brilliant Classics)

Artists: Anna Lisiewska, piano (1 CD) (Dux)

DUX 1441 $19.99

Franz Xaver Mozart, the youngest son of Wolfgang Amadeus, has some 30 piano works to his name. They include nine cycles of variations with opus numbers, three sets of Polonaises melanocholiques, sonatas, fantasies, rondos, and several smaller forms.

Drew Peterson plays American Works

Works: Ives: Piano Sonata No. 2; Carter: Piano Sonata; Zaimont: Attars; Barber: Sonata, Op. 26; Griffes: Three Fantasy Pieces

Artists: Drew Peterson, piano (1 CD) (Steinway & Sons)

STEI 30095 $17.97

On this release, Drew Peterson tackles the music of Samuel Barber, Judith Lang Zaimont, Elliott Carter, Charles Ives, and Charles Tomlinson Griffes.

John McLeod (b.1931): Piano Music

Works: Four Pieces; Piano Improvisations; Hebridean Dances; Twelve Preludes; Three Protest Pieces; Three Interludes from ‘Another Time, Another Place’; ‘Hafidi’s Pictures’: Piano Sonatas Nos. 1-5

Artists: Murray McLachlin, piano (2 CD) (Metier)

2 MTL 77207 $24.99

This double album contains all of John McLeod’s music for solo piano including the five sonatas and ‘Hafidi’s Pictures’ - works with narration and piano based on visual art by Hafidi Halgrimsson.

John Cage: The Works for Piano, Vol. 10

Works: Two Pieces; Concert for Piano and Orchestra; Swinging Artists: Thomas Schultz, piano (Mode Records)

MDE 304 $18.99

The Solo for Piano is part of the legendary “Concert for Piano and Orchestra.” It is an indeterminate work, consisting of 63 pages made of 84 different types of composition. The performer creates his own performance by choosing which pages to play and in which order.

New Piano Albums

Jose Vianna da Motta: Piano Music

Works: Barcarola No. 1; Fantaisie Stucke; Piano Sonata; Rhapsodia Portuguea No. 4; Serenata; Ballada; Barcarola; Meditation Artists: Luis Pipa, piano (1 CD) (Tocatta Classics)

TOC 0481 $18.99

The music of Jose Vianna da Motta (1868-1948) absorbs Romantic influences from Beethoven, Chopin and Brahms but adds elements of Portuguese folk music furthering the development of a national style for Portuguese classical music.

New Solo Piano Albums in Brief

Charles Ives: Concord Sonata / Daniel Brylewski, piano

Concord, Massachusetts is an American city that in the nineteenth century was a haven for thinkers and activists. Charles Ives’ 4-part Piano Sonata II Concord, Mass. 1840-1860 is devoted to “four wise people” associated with Concord. (1 CD) (Dux) (Poland)

DUX 1313 $19.99

J.S. Bach: Goldberg Variations / Peter Hill, piano

In the Goldberg Variations, Bach answered a modest request with a work of immense scale and ambition. The music’s wit and virtuosity is matched by the exquisite contrapuntal tracery of the canons that form the work’s backbone (1 CD) (Delphian Records)

DELP 34200 $19.99


While all of these works reflect the composer’s deeply held view that music is, above all, about expression, they explore a myriad of emotional worlds, from quiet introspection and lyricism to dark and explosive outbursts of unstrained virtuosity. (1 CD) (MSR Classics)

MSR 1688 $18.99

Schumann: Kreisleriana; Nachtmusik; Geistervariationen / Jean-Claude Henriot, piano

It is not without reason that the most recent album of French pianist Jean-Claude Henriot is dedicated entirely to Schumann’s music. The artist considers him to be the first composer who explored the musical areas discovered by Beethoven. (1 CD) (Dux) (Poland)

DUX 1443 $19.99

Schumann: Fantasy Pieces Op. 12; Novellettes Op. 21 / Martin Ivanov, piano

Much of the cheerfulness, and of the deadly seriousness, in this music has this biographical background, composed during a period in Schumann’s life which was affected by the death of his mother, the forced separation from Clara, and the estrangement from his father. (1 CD) (Gramola)

GRAM 99177 $18.99

Piano Music by Vincent Persichetti (1915-1987)

Works: Little Piano Book; Poems; Serenade (1 CD) (Centaur)

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Pianist Myron Silberman first came to prominence in 1991 upon winning the Giornate Musicali International Piano Competition in Italy. Here he records music of one of the most important twentieth century composers, American Vincent Persichetti.

Ragtime in Washington / Michael Adcock, piano

Works by: Scott Joplin, Henry Lodge, George Gershwin, Thomas Benjamin, William Bolcom, John Musto, Bob Zurke (1 CD) (Centaur)

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**Puccini: La Boheme / Pappano [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Michael Fabiano, Nicole Car, Simonna Mhihi, Mariusz Skocik, Luca Titoto, Florian Sempey. Antonio Pappano/Royal Opera Orch. & Chorus (Opus Arte) (122 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD MA) (BR) BOA 7240D $38.99 (DVD) BOA 1264D $29.99

**Rattle Conducts The London SO [BR & DVD]**
**Works:** Webber: Six Pieces for Orchestra, Op. 6; Berg: 3 Fragments from ‘Wozzeck’; Ligeti: Mysteries of the Macabre; Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring
**Artists:** Barbara Hannigan (sop); Rattle/London SO (Blu-ray & DVD) (SO Live)
2 LSO 3028 $24.99

Sir Simon Rattle is joined by virtuosic soprano Barbara Hannigan for a modernist program that showcases the immense capabilities of the London Symphony Orchestra. At the heart of this concert is Stravinsky’s The Rite of Spring.

**Verdi: Requiem / Temirkhanov [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Dinara Alieva (sop); Olesya Petrova (mez); Francesco Meli (ten); Dmitri Belosselskij (bass). Yuri Temirkhanov/Bolshoi Theatre Chorus. (122 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM Stereo) (BR) BAC 445 $38.99 (2 DVD) BAC 145 $38.99

In the wake of the beloved Russian baritone Dmitri Hvostovovsky’s untimely passing in November 2017, tributes, memorials and musical event dedications have flowed non-stop. But none thus far has matched the scope and sonic splendor of this all-Russian performance of Verdi’s blockbust Requiem Mass.

New on Blu-ray & DVD

**Mozart: Requiem / Mariss Jansons [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Genia Kuhmeier (sop); Elisabeth Kulman (mez); Mark Padmore (tnr); Adam Plachetka (bass). Mariss Jansons/Barrowland Radio SO (Belvedere) (55 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD MA 5.0) (BR) BVDR 08037 $29.99 (DVD) BVDR 08036 $29.99

In Residence with the Bayerischen Rundfunks orchestra for the 2016/17 season, Jansons’ rapport with the musicians is evident. His ringing, distinctive tenor voice is well matched to Jansons’ eloquent and subtle interpretation.

**The Royal Ballet - Frederick Ashton [BR or DVD]**
**Works:** Mendelssohn: The Dream; Franck: Symphonic Variations; Liszt: Marguerite & Armand
**Artists:** Marius Skcik, Luca Titoto, Florian Sempey. The Royal Ballet; Emmanuel Plasnavand, revives the most popular ballet of all time.

**Puccini: Madame Butterfly [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Ermelora Jaho, Marcelo Puente, Scott Hendricks, Elizabeth Deshong. Antonio Pappano/Royal Opera House Orch. & Chorus (Opus Arte) (137 min.; 16:9, Color, DTS HD MA) (BR) BOA 7244D $38.99 (DVD) BOA 1268D $29.99

“Always at his best in Puccini, Antonio Pappano conducts with passionate sincerity.” (The Guardian 5 Stars) “An opera that ranks as one of the pinnacle works of the operatic repertoire.” (Daily Mail) “An opera that ranks as one of the pinnacle works of the operatic repertoire.” (The Daily Telegraph)

**Shakespeare: Twelfth Night [DVD]**
**Artists:** The Royal Shakespeare Company, live from Stratford-Upon-Avon / Esh Alladi, Nicholas Bishop, Tom Byrne, Sally Cheng, Michael Cochrane et al. (1 DVD-Video) (Opus Arte) (141 min.; 16:9, Color; Dolby Digital 5.0) BOA 12710 $24.99

“Christopher Luscombe’s deliciously louche production... it’s a visual feast... sumptuous nostalgia” (Daily Mail) “The most heart-warming production of Shakespeare at the RSC since director Christopher Luscombe’s last three years ago.” (Sunday Mirror)

**Verdi: Macbeth / Gabriele Ferro [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Roberto Frontali, Anna Pirozzi, Marko Mimica, Vincenzo Castangino. Gabriele Ferro/Teatro Massimo Orch. & Chorus (Naxos) (156 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD MA 5.0) (BR) NXS 0077V $25.99 (DVD) NXS 211075 $25.99

Verdi’s pacing and detailing of the opera as a whole far surpassed his previous work. This production preserves the preferred 1865 revision of the 18311 finale sung in Italian and retaining the original 1847 finale.

**Eugene Onegin [DVD]**
**Artists:** Nina Stemme, Plácido Domingo, Christian Gerhaher, Marcelo Said. Berliner Philharmoniker; Daniel Barenboim (2 DVD) 2 BAC 145 $38.99

“Eugene Onegin” is set to the music of Tchaikovsky and is based on Pushkin’s original work. The production features some of the world’s foremost opera stars and is directed by renowned British director Richard Eyre.

**Tchaikovsky: Iolanta; Nutcracker [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Sonya Yoncheva, Arnold Rulukowski, Marianne Faithfull, and the Royal Ballet. The Royal Ballet; Emmanuel Plasnavand, revives the most popular ballet of all time.

**Verdi: Giovanna d’Arco / Tebar [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Vittoria Yeo, Luciano Ganci, Vittorio Vitelli, Gabrielle Mangione, Luciano Leoni. Ramon Tebar/Coro del Teatro Regio di Parma; I Virtuosi Italiani. (C Major Video) (127 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD-MA 5.0) (BR) CME 745704 $40.49 (DVD) CME 745608 $31.49

“Shakespeare’s Twelfth Night” is a new operatic interpretation of the classic play. The production features some of the world’s foremost opera stars and is directed by renowned British director Richard Eyre.

**Bellini: La Straniera / Sebastiano Rolli [DVD]**
**Artists:** Francesca Tiburzi, Sonia Fortunato, Emanuele D’Aguanno, Enrico Marrucci. Sebastiano Rolli/Coro & Orch. del Teatro Massimo Bellini di Catania (Bongiovanni) (145 min.; 16:9, Color; PCM Stereo) BGV 20038 $31.49

A hallmark of Bellini’s style, “La Straniera” is based on Ludovico Ariosto’s epic poem of the same name. This production is the first video recording of this rare opera.

**Wagner: Die Walkure / Thielemann [BR]**
**Artists:** Peter Seiffert, Georg Zeppelin, Vitalij Kowaljow, Anja Harteros, Anja Kampe, Christa Mayer. Christian Thielemann/Staatstheater Dresden (Blu-Ray Video) (C Major Video) (235 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD MA 5.0) CME 742907 $40.49

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**Puccini: Turandot / Noseda [BR or DVD]**
**Artists:** Rebeke Lokar, Jorge de Leon, Erika Grimaldi, In-Sung Sim. Gianandrea Noseda/Teatro Regio Turin Orchestra & Chorus (C Major Video) (115 min.; 16:9, Color; DTS HD MA 5.0) (BR) CME 748204 $40.49 (DVD) CME 748108 $31.49

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**Davy Mooney, guitar / Last Train Home**

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