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KHCD-2010-001 (STEREO Reel Tape Master) - Berwald: Symphony in C Singuliere /

Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 5 *Reformation* - This CD release is from a rare Decca (US) Stereotape that was found in seldom-played condition. This recording of Berwald's *Singuliere* symphony and Mendelssohn's *Reformation* symphony is also one of my favorites in the Cincinnati Symphony recordings series Decca made from the early 1960s to the early 1970s. The soundscape faithfully reflects the wonderful acoustics of Cincinnati Music Hall; Max Rudolf's interpretations are thoughtful and well-paced. Highly recommended!



KHCD-2010-002 (STEREO) - Nielsen: Symphony No. 4 Inextinguishable/Overture to

Maskarade - Klassic Haus continues in its Cincinnati Symphony/Decca recording series reissues with Nielsen's *Inextiguishable* symphony, first released in 1965 during the world-wide Nielsen music revival. Once again, Max Rudolf presents a well-paced reading of this intriguing symphony. The CD also features the light-hearted overture to Nielsen's comic opera *Maskarade*. This CD is sourced from a near-mint LP copy; very hard to find in good condition, as domestic Decca surfaces were seldom quiet even when new. An enjoyable disc from start to finish!



KHCD-2010-003 (MONO) - JC Bach: Double Sinfonia in E-flat/Schubert: Symphony No. 3 & Symphony No. 5 - Thor Johnson and the Cincinnati Symphony recorded with Decca/London during the early 1950s. This CD release of a mint Decca/London LP features Johann Christian Bach's Double Sinfonia in E-flat, and Schubert's Symphony No. 3 in D. Schubert's Symphony No. 5 is performed by the esteemed Concertgebouw Orchestra conducted by Eduard van Beinem, derived from a very good condition Decca LP. All are very well recorded in wide-range FFRR mono; a rare find, and a real treat!



KHCD-2010-004 (STEREO - GF Handel: *Water Music* - The early-music revival that began in earnest in the 1950s bore much fruit from the recording industry, most notably in Europe. This CD first release of this DGG/Archive disc of Handel's *Water Music* is by Schola Cantorum Basiliensis, recorded in the spacious acoustics of the Neumünsterkirche in Zurich in 1965. A mint LP provided a perfect source for restoration, and the recording does not show its age at all. Quite a discovery!



KHCD-2010-005 (STEREO) - Brahms: Liebeslieder Walzer & Neues Liebeslieder Walzer -

Crossroads LPs were produced by CBS/Epic Records during the 60s, with most recordings issued drawn from the extensive Supraphon catalogue. This release on CD of Brahms' *Liebeslieder Walzer* and *Neue Libeslieder Walzer* features the Prague Madrigal Singers, with the Stepan-Hurnik Piano Duet, conducted by Miroslav Venhoda. Sensitively performed in a recording dating from the mid-60s, it is a CD well worth collecting and enjoying!



KHCD-2010-006 (MONO) - Elgar: Nursery Suite; Serenade for Strings; Three Bavarian

Dances - Lawrance Collingwood's recording with the London Symphony of Elgar's *Nursery Suite, Serenade for Strings,* and *Three Bavarian Dances* was well received when it was released in 1954. This CD is sourced from a mint Columbia/EMI (UK) LP; some harshness heard on Side 1 of the LP has been tamed, and the restoration provides a warm, open sound that serves Elgar's music well. Another rare find!



KHCD-2010-007 (MONO) - Brahms: Violin Concerto, Op. 77; Tchaikovsky: Violin Concerto, Op. 35 - Two of the world's favorite violin concerti on one disc, with legendary solo performances coupled with outstanding support from the Philharmonia Orchestra. Brahms' Violin Concerto with Gioconda De Vito receives a lyrically passionate reading, with Rudolf Schwartz leading the Philharmonia. Jascha Heifetz's performance in the Tchaikovsky is at once fiery, tender and playful, with Walter Susskind and the Philharmonia providing marvelously limpid accompaniment. Sources are from an RCA/HMV LP (Brahms) and a domestic RCA disc (Tchaikovsky), both in near-mint condition. Well worth a listen!



KHCD-2010-008 (MONO) - Boston Pops 25th Anniversary Album - This CD is derived from an album that was issued to commemorate the 25th anniversary of Arthur Fiedler as music director of The Boston Pops Orchestra. The album consists of 16 orchestral selections that were hallmarks of the Pops repertoire, recorded by RCA in fine mono sound. There are quite a few rare gems on this disc, one that is sure to please fans of the Pops, and perhaps create some new fans as well!



KHCD-2010-009 (STEREO)- Hanson: Symphony No. 2 *Romantic*; MacDowell: Piano

Concerto No. 2 - The Reader's Digest issued several sets of albums consisting of a wide range of classical music during the 60s, most all recorded by the Decca (UK) team headed by the legendary Kenneth Wilkinson. This disc, consisting of Howard Hanson's 2nd Symphony, subtitled *Romantic*, conducted by Charles Gerhardt and Edward MacDowell's 2nd Piano Concerto, with Earl Wild as pianist, and Massimo Freccia conducting, is one of the most exciting of the releases in that series. The National Philharmonic, one of Englands' great recording orchestras, is featured in both performances. A mint disc was the source for the production of this release. Glorious sonics, coupled with sympathetic readings of these modern masterpieces, make for a thrilling listening experience!



KHCD - 2010-010 (STEREO) - Antonio Soler: Six Concerti for Two Organs - One of the myriad recordings by E. Power Biggs for Columbia, the CD features the Six concerti for Two organs by Antonio Soler. Biggs' colleague Daniel Pinkham joins in this recording, featuring the Flentrop and Hess organs of the Busch-Reisinger Museum, Harvard University. The source for the disc was a seldom-played Columbia 2-eye grey label "360 Sound" disc. Unusual and collectable!



KHCD-2010-011 (MONO) - Bruch: Violin Concerto No. 1; Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 4

Italian - At the beginning of the LP era, recording companies often mixed previously recorded material consisting of 78 RPM discs transcribed to LP, as well as newly recorded titles on tape, and issued them together on discs. This instance couples a taped performance of Bruch's Violin Concerto No. 1, with Yehudi Menuhin accompanied by The Boston Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Charles Munch. (RCA had also issued the Bruch as a single 10" LP, LM 122). The older material on this disc is a 1947 traversal of Mendelssohn's *Italian* Symphony, with Serge Koussevitsky conducting The Boston Symphony Orchestra. Both performances are classics not to be missed, and the sound in both performances restored very nicely. Very well worth adding to your collection!



KHCD-2010-012 (STEREO) - Mozart - Divertimenti in B-flat, K. 287 & in F, K. 138 -

Stylish performances by the English Chamber Orchestra, conducted by David Blum, from a near-mint Vanguard disc first issued in 1970. Never reissued in the short-lived Vanguard/Omega CD series in the 1990s, we offer it here as a fine addition to our Klassic Haus catalogue. Quite enjoyable!



KHCD-2010-013 (STEREO) - Boyce: The Eight Symphonies (First recording of the

Goberman Edition) - This classic performance set the standard for subsequent recordings of these most enjoyable works, and is still hard to beat! Antonio Janigro leads the hand-picked I Solisti di Zagreb, recorded in the Grossesaal, Musikverein, Vienna, with Mario Mizzaro as engineer (who recorded most all of Vanguard's Vienna-based productions). Derived from an excellent-condition Bach Guild LP, this CD is a basic repertoire addition to any collection!



KHCD-2010-014 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: 1812 Overture; Capriccio Italien; March

Slav/London Symphony Orchestra/Kenneth Alwyn - This Decca/London recording was first stereo disc, released in 1958. It features the London Symphony conducted by Kenneth Alwyn in three of Tchaikovsky's best known works, joined with the Band of the Grenadier Guards in the *1812* Overture. Of course, there are the required (in any stereo recording) cannon shots (actually rifle shots slowed to half-speed; still quite convincing!) All three pieces are presented with verve and enthusiasm, in a recording that belies its age. A stereo spectacular from the Golden Age!



KHCD-2010-015 (STEREO) - Marches for Orchestra, with The Boston Symphony

Orchestra led by Erich Leinsdorf & the Boston Pops Orchestra led by Arthur Fiedler - A "Dynagroove" classic from 1964, with exciting performances of well-known classic orchestral marches by the Boston Symphony and the Boston Pops. Restored from a near-mint LP, this is a perfect CD for those boring commutes in the car or to just sit back and revel in the great sound!



WHCD-2010-016 (MONO)- Tchaikovsky: Suite No. 1 in D & Suite No. 3 in G - Walter Goehr, perhaps the busiest conductor on record during the 1950s, here conducts the Winterthur Symphony Orchestra in two Tchaikovsky Suites for Orchestra. This CD sources its material from two rare Concert Hall Society discs, very difficult to find in restorable condition. These discs yielded good sound, and the result is performances well worth repeated listening!



KHCD-2010-017 (MONO) - Berlioz: Symphonie fantastique; The Corsair Overture;

Roman Carnival Overture; King Lear Overture - One of the joys of LP collecting is finding rarities that are in such great condition, making a restoration an easier task than is sometimes the case. Both LPs that make up this CD fell into that catagory, and yielded fine results. Eduard van Beinem conducts the Concertgebouw Orchestra in a terrific account of the Symphonie fantastique, recorded by Decca in September 1951. Jean Martinon leads L'Orchestre de'Association des Concerts Lamoureux in the three Berlioz overtures, from a Urania LP recorded in 1952. Very exciting performances worth preserving!

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KHCD-2010-018 (MONO) - Suppe Overtures (4) with George Solti/London Philharmonic; Rossini Overtures (4) with Eduard van Beinem/Concertgebouw Orchestra - Another terrific disc of mono FFRR London recordings, this from the *Famous Overtures* collection issued in the mid-Fifties. Two very-good condition discs were used to create this CD, full of wonderful overtures by two masters of the genre. A delight from start to finish!



60; Leonore Overture No. 3, Op. 72a - The legendary recordings of the Beethoven Symphonies as performed by William Steinberg and The Pittsburgh Symphony are harder to find these days, especially the reel tape editions. Klassic Haus has been fortunate to find this reel with the 4th Symphony, along with the Leonore Overture No. 3. Many listeners consider both of these performances to be among the best ever recorded, and with good reason; state-of-the-art recording (1962) on35mm tape masters by Enoch Light for his Command Classics label, with enlightening interpretations. Worthy of any collector's shelf!



KHCD-2010-020 - Beethoven: Symphony No. 1 in C, Op. 21 (STEREO LP); Symphony No. 3 in E-flat Eroica (STEREO Reel Tape Master) - The same comments apply as above for this disc. Klassic Haus will continue to issue the Beethoven Symphonies recorded by William Steinberg and The Pittsburgh Symphony as subsequent discs or tapes are available and restored to pristine sound. Keep checking our catalogue for more!



KHCD-2010-021 - (STEREO Reel Tape Masters) Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 in f minor, Op. 36 - Rachmaninoff: Symphony No. 2 in E, Op. 27 (Revised Edition)- William Steinberg/Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - Here are two more classic Steinberg/Pittsburgh recordings, from 1961 (Rachmaninoff) and 1962 (Tchaikovsky), both rare reel tapes. The sonics are glorious, and the performances are committed, legendary interpretations. If you have not experienced the Command Classics series of recordings, this disc would be an excellent introduction to the much-missed treasures of the recorded music catalogue. Long out of circulation, now available



KHCD-2010-022 -(STEREO Reel Tape Masters) Brahms: Symphony No. 3 in F, Op. 90; Symphony No. 4 in e minor, Op. 98 - William Steinberg/Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra - Klassic Haus Restorations continues with the Steinberg/PSO legacy with two Brahms symphonies, recorded in 1962 (No. 3) and 1964 (No. 4). The Third symphony tape is an original Grand Award/Command Classics issue; the Fourth is issued on an Ampex/Command tape master. The 4th Symphony master has a bit more tape hiss (typical of Ampex-mastered tapes of the era), but the hiss been tamed somewhat; the tape itself was new-in-the-box, never played until I mastered it! Admirable sound with sympathetic interpretations, another worthy addition to the catalogue!



Ander Predic Concerto No. 4 in g minor, Op. 40 - Leonard Pennario, pianist -Andre Previn/Royal Philharmonic - In the period between 1940 and 1970, considered by some as the Golden Age of classical music in America, Leonard Pennario's recordings were very popular. This recording, derived from an RCA Red Seal LP, contains magisterial accounts of the 1st and 4th Piano Concerto of Rachmaninoff. Andre Previn, leading the Royal Philharmonic, provides sympathetic support throughout. A warm, spacious soundstage is presented on this disc. Well worth a listen!



KHCD-2010-024 (MONO) - Mendelssohn: Symphony No. 3 in a minor, Op. 56 "Scotch"/Symphony No. 5 in D, Op. 107 "Reformation" - Dimitri Mitropoulos/New York Philharmonic - Dimitri Mitropoulos' tenure in New York lasted seven years, until the 1956-57 season, when he also shared the podium with Leonard Bernstein, who was to take up full leadership in 1958. This was one of the most exciting periods in the history of the Philharmonic, and produced many memorable recordings for Columbia. This recording, taped in November 1953, has fleet interpretations, with the New York Philharmonic in fine form. A Columbia "6-Eye" disc in seldom-played condition was used for transfer. A worthy addition to the recorded legacy of Dimitri Mitropoulos



KHCD-2010-025 (MONO) - Borodin: Symphony No. 2. in b minor; Stravinsky: The Firebird (Ballet Suite No. 2, 1919) - Antal Dorati/Minneapolis Symphony; Ravel: Boléro; Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio Espagnol, Op. 34 - Paul Paray/Detroit Symphony - The marvelous Mercury mono recordings, with the single Telefunken microphone technique, dazzled audiophiles from the first Living Presence disc released in 1951. This collection of concert favorites is derived from two Mercury mono discs, recorded in 1952 and 1953. Dorati's readings of the Borodin and Stravinsky at once blazing and sensitive; Paray's performances of the Ravel and RK are still demonstration-quality. Historic recordings, not to be missed!



KHCD-2010-026-2CD (STEREO) - Grieg: Peer Gynt, Suite No. 1; Symphonic Dances, Op. 64; Two Elegaic Melodies, Op. 36 - Sir John Barbirolli/Halle Orchestra - Piano Concerto in a minor, Op. 16 - Viktor Yeresko, pianist/Gennady Rozhdetsventsky/Moscow Radio Symphony - The Barbirolli-conducted Vanguard disc is one I found *unopened* in an antique shop in Bellingham, Washington! The performances, recorded by PYE, are robust, straightforward readings, with the Halle Orchestra in fine form. The Piano Concerto is a lyrically-conceived reading, with Viktor Yeresko offering an insightful interpretation, Gennady Rozhdestvensky leading the Moscow Radio Symphony, from a domestic Melodiya/Angel release.



KHCD-2010-027 (MONO) - Beethoven: Creatures of Prometheus, Ballet Music Op. 43;

Coriolan Overture, Op. 62; Fidelio Overture, Op. 72c; Leonore Overture No. 3, Op. 72b - Eduard van Beinem/London Philharmonic Orchestra - Authoritative performances, warmly recorded in Decca's ffrr trademark

technique. The London Philharmonic is in terrific form here, with the legendary Eduard van Beinem at the helm. Two discs in seldom-played condition were used to produce this must-have CD. Historic renditions, lovingly restored by Klassic Haus.



KHCD-2010-028 (STEREO) - An 18th Century Concert - Works by JC Bach, JS Bach, Quantz, Telemann and Vivaldi - The London Harpsichord Ensemble recorded very few LPs during their first incarnation, although they had quite a good reputation as a performing ensemble (as they still do today, with Sarah Francis as leader, daughter of Millicent Silver, the harpsichordist on this CD). This recording was taped in 1961 by PYE, and issued in the USA by Nonesuch as one of the first 20 albums offered. It was soon deleted from the catalogue. The works on the disc include JC Bach's Concerto in E-flat for Harpsichord, Two Violins and 'Cello, JS Bach's Trio in G for Flute, Violin and Continuo, Quantz's Trio in D for Flute, Violin and Continuo, Telemann's Trio in E-flat for Two Violins and Continuo, and Vivaldi's Concerto in a minor for Flute, Two Violins and Continuo. It is my pleasure to offer it on this site so it may be once again enjoyed. Stylish, lively and wonderfully played, this would be a great intro disc for anyone building a core music collection.



KHCD-2010-029 (STEREO) - Music of the French Baroque: Monteclair; Cantata Le Retour de La Paix; Corrette: Concerto for Flute in G, Op. 3 No. 6: Leclair: Sonata for String Orchestra in g minor; Boismortier: Concerto for Bassoon in D - Chamber Orchestra of Versailles/Bernard Wahl - Collectors of Baroque music will relish this collection. Monteclair's Cantata, for solo soprano, trumpet and orchestra, presumably written for an actual (unknown) peacetime celebration, is in the *style precieux* in favor at the time of its publication in 1716. Corrette's Flute concerto is Italian-flavered, with a French-ornamented middle *Adagio*. Leclair's Sonata (sinfonia) is a late Baroque work, more harmonically complex than Corelli and Vivaldi. Boismortier's Basson Concerto is in the Italian syle, again, as the Corrette, with a very French *Largo* of graciousness and harmonic complexity. Quite enjoyable!



KHCD-2010-030 - Music for a Summers Night - Arthur Fiedler/Boston Pops Orchestra -This is another well-recorded mono disc, derived from very good condition RCA LP, and can be considered a companion disc to KHCD-2010-008 - Boston Pops 25th Anniversary Album (see above). A fine collection of chestnuts and rare pieces, all played to perfection by the Boston Pops. A confection to be savored during a sultry summer evening, or whenever a soothing musical moment is needed. (Track listing follows)



Conducted by Helmut Kallulor Conducted by Helmut Kallulor



of The SAAR KHCD-2010-032 (STEREO) - Joseph Hadyn: Symphonies No. 6 "Morning"/ No. 7

"Noon"/No. 8 "Night" - Karl Ristenpart/Chamber Orchestra of The Saar - Joseph Haydn's new contract with Prince Paul Anton Esterhazy began in May 1761. The very first works he composed for his small orchestra were these exquisite little symphonies. They were written, as was Bach's first music for his post in Leipzig, to impress and to exploit the talents of the Esterhazy orchestra. These works could be considered Haydn's "doctorate"; he displayed in full not only his consummate musicianship but also his sense of tact - for these works are symphonies and concerti all at once, providing for the solo grouping in the concerto grosso manner, contrasting with the larger body of the orchestra. These gems are wonderfully played by the Chamber Orchestra of The Saar, conducted by Karl Ristenpart, in a warm, spacious recording previously found on a Nonesuch LP.



KHCD-2010-033 - Stravinsky: Music for Piano Sonata/Four

Etudes/Ragtime/Serenade/Piano-Rag-Music/Tango/Circus Polka - Noel Lee, piano - The piano is usually thought of as the Romantic instrument without peer. Yet, with certain notable exceptions, the major late-Romantics were content to leave the piano to the salon composers and virtuosi. It was actually the first generation of the 20th century - Debussy, Schoenberg, Stravinsky, Bartok, Prokofiev - that rescued the piano from its sentimental role and restored it to its former place as a major creative medium. Stravinsky was a "piano" composer, having conceived and written most all his output at the piano, yet did not consider the keyboard merely as an instrument of practical necessity. The music on this CD, derived from a very-good condition Nonesuch LP, features Noel Lee interpreting the variegated keyboard works of this giant of 20th century composers with panache and consummate skill.



Elizabethan Age - The Scholars - The Scholars took their name from the fact that each singer had been a choral scholar in the world-famous choir of King's College, Cambridge. Having given several successful concerts while still at Cambridge, The Scholars decided to continue singing together professionally. Their professional debut in London in 1970 was very successful, and lead to the recording of this album. The selections found on this CD represents the earliest in The Scholars' repertoire at the time of the recording (1971). Exquisitely performed, and expertly recorded by Bob Auger for Unicorn in Christ Church, Chelsea. A near-mint LP was the source for this enjoyable collection. (Track Listing Follows)



KHCD-2010-035 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No. 1 in b-flat minor, Op. 23 -Eugene Istomin, pianist/Eugene Ormandy/Philadelphia Orchestra; Rachmaninoff: Piano Concerto No. 2 in c minor, Op. 18 - Ivan Davis, pianist/Henry Lewis/Royal Phialharmonic - This coupling of two of the world's best known piano concerti features wonderful performances from two extraordinarily talented pianists, teamed with worldclass orchestras and conductors. The Tchaikovsky recording dates from 1959, with a noteworthy performance from Istomin, accompanied by the legendary team of Ormandy and Philadelphia. Ivan Davis gives a revelatory account of the Rachmaninoff, with symapathic support from Henry Lewis and the RPO, from a 1970 Decca Phase Four disc. This is a core repertoire CD that should be in everyone's collection.





KHCD-2010-036 (STEREO) - Alessandro Scarlatti: The Madrigals (Complete) - Jürgen

Jürgens/Monteverdi-Chor Hamburg - Scarlatti's eight Madrigals are among the most important late works in the genre. The LP from which this Klassic Haus CD is derived was the first recording of the complete Madrigals, masterly pieces of occasional music by an established master composer. Scarlatti retains the vocal patterns of the "classical" madrigal, but brilliantly linking the stylistic techniques used in secular vocal music at the end of the 16th century, with the composing principles of sacred music of the early 18th century. Recorded in the spacious acoustics of the Friedrich Ebert Halle in Hamburg, the Monteverdi-Chor sings with passion and conviction, conducted by Jürgen Jürgens.



KHCD-2010-037 (MONO) - Mozart: Piano Concerto No. 9 in E-flat, K. 271; J. S. Bach: Concerto in f minor - Gina Bachauer, pianist/Alec Sherman/The London Orchestra - Gina Bachauer (1913-1976) was a Greek pianist, often regarded as the greatest female pianist of the 20th century. A student of Cortot and Rachmaninoff, she enjoyed a long and successful performing career. She did not spend much time before the recording microphone, though, so her recordings are fewer than some of her contemporaries. She recorded for HMV for a period beginning in 1949, and this recording, from a domestic RCA LP released in 1956, is from the early 50s. She performs these two concerti with grace and consummate style. Her husband, Alec Sherman, conducts the London Orchestra (also known as The New London Orchestra in other recordings). A delightful, rare recording worth preserving, in fine mono sound.



KHCD-2010-038 (STEREO) - Telemann: Sonatas in f minor & b minor for Flute and Continuo/Trio Sonata in B-flat for Flute and Harpsichord/Concerto No. 1 in D for Flute and Harpsichord - Jean-Pierre Rampal, flute/Robert Veyron-Lacroix, harpsichord - The four compositions on this CD are, in the Baroque tradition, widely different in style and effect. They range from the most intimate entertainment music to concerto-like textures. And , as is the case with many Baroque pieces, the scoring allows for any combination of instruments to play. In the instance of the Sonata in f minor, it was originally written for bassoon. The Sonata in b minor was part of a subscription series published in 1733; GF Handel was one of the subscribers, and actually borrowed the two outer movements and used them in his Organ Concerto in d minor. The Trio Sonata allows for the solo keyboard to incorporate the cello/gamba continuo part into the setting. And, finally the Concerto actually is an original Concerto for flute and harpsichord, but offering the possibility of many combinations of other instruments; this recording offers the original setting. Jean-Pierre Rampal and Robert Veyron-Lacroix join to provide an intimate, exciting performance. An excellent-condition Nonesuch LP was the source for this delightful disc.



Günther Weiss, 2nd 'cello

KHCD-2010-039 (MONO) - Schubert: Quintet in C, Op. 163 - Vienna Konzerthaus Quartet-Günther Weiss, 2nd 'cello - Schubert's only String Quintet was written in 1828, the year of the composer's death. As is the case with the Eighth and Ninth Symphonies, it was rediscovered many years later. Its shadowy, romantic atmosphere is emphasized by the choice of two 'celli. This disc, derived from a red label Westminster LP, displays the virtuoso abilities of the Vienna Konzerthaus Quartet, with Günther Weiss playing second 'cello. The sound is full and spacious, the performance satisfying, and would be a fine addition to any chamber ensemble CD collection.



KHCD-2010-040 (STEREO) - Battle Music - Biber: Battalia: Dandrieu: Les Caracteres De La Guerre; Neubauer: Sinfonie, Op. 11 (La Bataille) and Marches, Fanfares & Choruses from the Time of Napoleon - Angelicum Orchestra of Milan/Newell Jenkins - Brass, Percussion & Vocal Ensembles of Gardiens De La Paix De Paris/Désiré Dondeyne - As long as there have been composers, there has been music depicting the glories and horrors of war. These tableaus of the struggle and glorification of war are guaranteed to quicken even the faintest of heart. In the Battle Music selections, there are two tone-poems (written before music was designated as such) by Biber and Dandreau, which describe the preparations of battle (including, in the Biber, the general admonishing his troops) the battle, and the aftermath (again, Biber with the moanings of the wounded). The Neubauer Sinfonie is most sympathetic, lyrical and descriptive. His "general" is depicted as a genial sort, admonishing his troops as played by a bassoon solo with orchestral support, and the battle scene is reminiscent at times of Beethoven's "Wellington's Victory" without the bombast of cannon and muskets. The military brass music heard here is a part of the brilliant but murderous age of Napoleon. The French fanfares, marches and choruses depict the glories of war and displays of power in quasi-Roman pomp and grandeur. This CD compiles two Nonesuch albums, both in quite good condition before restoration, and provides a rare look into a time and place that glorified war in music.





GSC-001 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Serenade for Strings, Op. 48; Glinka: Overture to "Ruslan and Ludmilla"; Rimsky-Korsakov: Dance of the Tumblers from "The Snow Maiden"; Mussorgsky: Night on Bare Mountain; Dvorak: Scherzo Capriccioso - This disc is the first in the Garage Sale Classics series, and features well-known Romantic classics from two unusual LPs. The Tchaikovky, Glinka and Rimsky-Korsakov selections are from a Columbia Record Club special issue two-disc set (the other disc contained Rudolf Kempe conducting the Royal Philhamonic Orchestra in Rimsky-Korsakov's *Scheherazade*, taped by EMI); these selections were originally recorded by the World Record Club. The Serenade for Strings is sympathetically performed by the Sinfonia of London conducted by Alexander Faris; the sound was a bit lightweight, so some EQ tweaking was done. The Glinka and the Rimsky-Korsakov selections, with the London Philharmonic conducted by Sir Adrian Boult , needed a bit more work. The channels were reversed on the disc, and the general soundscape was a bit cramped. Both issues were corrected, and the results are satisfactory. Surfaces on the disc were OK. The Mussorgsky and Dvorak were recorded by Dick L. Miller's budget Somerset label (later reissued by Alshire, Al Sherman's budget label created after purchasing Dick Miller's catalogue in 1964). Both pieces, well-played by the London Philharmonic, led by Hugo Ringold (Mussorgsky) and John Pritchard (Dvorak), have decent sonic spread, but somewhat cramped sonics in the louder passages. Surfaces were fair; there still is some low level surface noise that could not be tamed, but still listenable.



GSC-002 (MONO) - Beethoven Symphony No. 7 in A, Op. 92 - Otto Ackermann/Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra - Schumann: Piano Concerto in a minor, Op. 54 - Noel Mewton-Wood, piano/Walter Goehr/Netherlands Philharmonic - This CD is derived from two 10" Musical Masterpiece Society (MMS) discs. MMS was an offshoot of the Concert Hall Society label, and was a mail-order product that was dedicated to recording more common repertoire. Instead of a monthly selection sent by mail, the customer received a list of available titles and selected those they wished to receive. The label had a very generous return policy; apparently, very few were returned, due to overall customer approval of the performances. The two recordings on this disc are evidence of the quality of the performances available, even taking in account the less-than-pristine record surfaces. Otto Ackermann and the Zurich Tonhalle Orchestra present a compelling Beethoven 7th; even with the distant, reverberant recording, there is much inner voice detail, and the tempi are very well judged. Walter Goehr conducts the Netherlands Philharmonic (actually a pickup orchestra derived from various Dutch radio orchestras' personnel) in a nicely paced recording of Schumann's Piano Concerto, with the Australian pianist Mewton-Wood as soloist. Again, a decent recording, in spite of the hissy surfaces. In both instances, surface flaws have been reduced, but some background noise can still be heard. The MP3 sample gives a good idea of the sound quality. Recommended for the performances, from a label that offered a better product than some sub-budget labels in the 1950s.



CMAS-001 (STEREO) - A Festival of Lessons and Carols 1958 - Kings College Choir, Cambridge, conducted by David Willcocks - Simon Preston, organ - The form of service known as The Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols has been sung in King's College Chapel for over 90 years. At Cambridge, it symbolizes the bond between the two Foundations of King Henry VI there and at Eton, the goodwill between the University and City, and peace within the whole Church as well as the joy and worship of all at Christmas. This LP recording , from 1958, was the first made in stereo of this Festival (the first recording was made by the same label, Argo, a Decca imprint, in 1954, with Dr. Boris Ord conducting). The number of Lessons and Carols were reduced to accommodate the length of an LP, but preserves the original character of the Service. The unique timbre of the King's College choir is instantly recognizable and unforgettable. A perfect gift for Christmas, or any time of year.



CMAS-002 (STEREO) - A Baroque Christmas Pastorale: Music of Corelli, Manfredini, Pez, and Tartini - Collegium Aureum on original instruments - The four compositions played by the Collegium Aureum on this recording owe their existence to the Italian tradition of performing instrumental music in conjunction with the Mass, and are examples of the sort of music heard at Christmas time. All of these pieces emphasis the role of the shepherds in the story of the Nativity. This CD is derived from a Harmonia Mundi disc from 1966, recorded at Cedernsaal Schloss Kirchhiem, and performed on original instruments. A beautifully-played disc that will bring joy at any time of year.



KHCD-2010-041 (STEREO) - Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, Op. 55 "Eroica" -South German Philharmonic/Karl Ristenpart - Mozart: Divertimento in D, K. 136/Divertimento in B-flat, K. 137 -Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart - This Beethoven "Eroica" recording comes from a Checkmate LP, an imprint of the Nonesuch label. Checkmate LPs were mastered at half speed, using master tapes that had been recorded with the then-new Dolby A 301 Audio Noise Reduction System. The result was an LP that had crisper high-frequency reproduction. Indeed, most Checkmate LPs came off sounding a bit brittle, so discreet softening of the extreme highs while remastering resulted in a more pleasing, realistic sound-stage. Ristenpart's interpretation is moderately paced with much inner voice detail throughout; the Marcia funebrae is particularly memorable in its fervor and lyricism. The Mozart Divertimenti come from a Nonesuch disc, inscribing the last recording sessions he directed in November, 1967. Always insightful, stylish, assured and spontaneous, these recordings reassert Karl Ristenpart's interpretive provess.



KHCD-2010-042 (STEREO) - Beethoven: Symphony No. 8 in F, Op. 93 - Leonore Overture No. 1, Op. 138 - Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage, Op. 112 (with the Vienna Radio Chorus) - Fidelio Overture, Op. 72c - The Maelzel Canon for Vocal Quartet - Vienna New Symphony/Max Goberman - Max Goberman (1911 – 31 December 1962) studied conducting with Fritz Reiner. He conducted ballets, Broadway musicals (including the original productions of Leonard Bernstein's *On the Town* and *West Side Story*), and the classical repertoire. He was working on the first recording of the complete symphonies of Joseph Haydn, as well as the music of Vivaldi, but died before these projects were completed. These Beethoven recordings are derived from a Library of Recorded Masterpieces LP (Goberman's subscription series), made in the last three months of 1962 by the same production team that recorded in Vienna for Vanguard Records. Masterful performances of the 8th Symphony, Leonore Overture No. 1 and Fidelio Overture, with the addition of a rousing rendition of the cantata "Calm Sea and Prosperous Voyage" (the Vienna Radio Chorus is miked a bit forward, but balances overall are fine). The Maelzel Canon was originally an improvisation based on the ticking theme of the Allegretto of the 8th Symphony, and performed at an informal dinner with Beethoven's friends, Johann Maelzel among them. Quite an enjoyable program, from a gifted conductor who died much too soon.



KHCD-2010-043 (STEREO) - Rimsky-Korsakov: Scherherazade - Vienna State Opera Orchestra/Mario Rossi - Khatchaturian: Dance of the Shields and Adagio of Spartacus and Phrygia from "Spartacus" Ballet Suite - Monte Carlo Opera Orchestra/Edouard van Remoortel - Vanguard Records issued the "Scheherazade" recording as "Vanguard Stereophonic Demonstration Disc" in late 1959. Half of the LP back cover was devoted to how stereo discs were produced, type of playback equipment required, balance and phasing, and placement of loudspeakers. The recording itself is middle-distance perspective, with subtle highlighting of solo instruments (typical of some early stereo recordings). The CD was produced using a near-mint Stereolab black-label LP. The Khatchaturian recording, derived from a Philips Universo blue-label disc, was a filler for Herbert Kegel's recording of Shostakovich's "Execution of Stepan Rasin". The Monte Carlo orchestra plays with appropriate brashness in the Dance of the Shields, and lyric passion in the Adagio.



KHCD-2010-044 (STEREO LP) - Beethoven: Symphony No. 3 in E-flat, Op. 55 "Eroica" -Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra/Max Rudolf - (STEREO Reel Tape Master) Brahms, Tragic Overture in d minor, Op. 81 - Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/William Steinberg - Continuing the series of Cincinnati Symphony recordings reissues on Klassic Haus is this well-paced, detailed "Eroica" with Max Rudolf conducting. A Decca (USA) LP in very good condition was used for this transfer. The recording itself was made using the then-new Dolby Audio Noise Reduction System, and the result is a very wide-range sound-stage, with great inner voice detail, and Cincinnati's Music Hall's wonderful acoustics embracing the proceedings. The Brahms Tragic Overture is from a Command reel tape, with the Pittsburgh Symphony providing a compelling performance with William Steinberg conducting.



Westphalian Choir/Wilhelm Ehmann - Heu mihi, Domine SWV 65/ Cantate Domino, canticum novum SWV 81 - Niedersachsischer Singkreis Hannover/Willi Trader - The *Musickalische Exequien* or "Musical Obsequies" was composed during the desolation of the Thirty Years War, is a masterpiece of Schütz's art at its fullest maturity. It was commissioned by an admirer of the composer, the Saxon prince Heinrich Posthumus of Reuss, who planned for it to be his own funeral music (as it was, in 1635). This recorded performance, from a Vanguard Everyman disc, follows Schütz's intentions regarding the total performance group, and general early Baroque performance practice as far as the use of instrumentalists. Ehmann leads a very sympathetic, well-blended Westphalian Choir, soloists, and original Baroque instrument ensemble. Two Motets, from a Nonesuch sampler LP of 1965, compliment the longer work.



KHCD-2010-046 (STEREO) - Bruckner: Symphony in f minor (Study Symphony 1863) (first commercial recording); Overture in g minor (1862-63) - London Symphony Orchestra/Elyakum Shapirra -Bruckner's so-called "Study Symphony" composed between February and May 1863, was written before he fell under the spell of Richard Wagner and, in spite of the intelligible influences of Beethoven and Mendelssohn, there are more than mere anticipations of Bruckner's later symphonic form and style. This recording, from an EMI-Electrola LP, inscribes the first commercial release of the Symphony in f minor. The still-seldom recorded Overture in g minor, composed within the same period as the Symphony, is performed with appropriate stylishness by the London Symphony conducted by Elyakum Shapirra.



KHCD-2010-047 (STEREO) - Shostakovich: Symphony No. 7 in C, Op. 60 "Leningrad" -USSR Symphony Orchestra/Yevgeny Svetlanov - Shostakovich's epic symphony penned during the horrific siege of Leningrad receives a brilliantly blistering account from a Melodiya recording made in the mid-60s, with Yevegeny Svetlanov conducting the USSR Symphony . A one-of -a-kind performance from a domestic pressing Melodiya/Angel 2-LP set in very good condition; a judicious bit of lower bass was added to the mix to add some weight to the sound. The results are quite satisfactory, and restores a unique traversal of this 20th century Russian masterpiece.



KHCD-2010-048 (MONO) - Schubert: String Quartet No. 14 in d minor, D810 "Death and the Maiden" - Vienna Konzerthaus Quartet - Quintet in A for Piano and Strings, D677 "Trout" - Paul Badura-Skoda, piano, with members of the Vienna Konzerthaus Quartet and Joseph Hermann, double bass - In 1823, Schubert suffered a serious illness which hospitalized him for a time, and which continued to plague him for the remaining six years of his tragically short life. This illness also influenced his general attitude toward life, and was in such a state of mind when he began work on his d minor String Quartet; it was not completed until two years later. The Quintet was a written on commission from Sylvester Paumgartner, music lover and amateur 'cellist, who was specific regarding the commission itself; the piece must include the tune "Die Forelle", written by Schubert two years before, as the basis for a variations movement, and the instrumentation must follow the model of a recently published quintet by Hummel. Both of these works receive committed performances, derived from two LPs, the Quartet as Vol. 7 in the complete Schubert Chamber Music on a blue label XWN-series Westminster disc, and the Quintet on an earlier red label WL-series Westminster disc. All were well-recorded in wide-range mono and restorations resulted in a very enjoyable transfer.



KHCD-2010-049 (STEREO) - When Winds Breathe Soft - Glees from Georgian England -

The Scholars - Glees were the most original musical product of Georgian England, being most popular around 1760 to 1820. Similar to the madrigal, the glee is chamber music for unaccompanied voices. The form can range from the simplest part songs to complex mini-cantatas containing contrasting movements and voiced with as many as eight parts. This album, derived from a mint Decca/L'Oiseux-Lyre LP, provides some of the best examples of the genre, sung with consummate style and precision by The Scholars, one of Europe's foremost vocal ensembles. This reissue has been graciously authorized by The Scholars, and perhaps this collection will rekindle an interest and respect for this most English form of music.



KHCD-2010-050 (MONO) - Tchaikovsky: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 1 in b-flat minor, Op. 23 - Sviatoslav Richter, piano; Leningrad Philharmonic/Yevgeny Mravinsky - Rubinstein: Concerto for Piano and Orchestra No. 4 in d minor, Op. 70 - Oscar Levant, piano; New York Philharmonic/Dimitri Mitropoulos - Two musical giants, Richter and Mravinsky, collaborate in what many think is the best recording ever of Tchaikovsky's 1st concerto for piano. Recorded in 1958 by Melodiya, it transcribes a formidable interpretation, with the Leningrad Philharmonic providing rock-solid support. The rarely-played-and-recorded Rubinstein 4th Piano Concerto features the forceful personality and legendary keyboard skills of Oscar Levant, with Dimitri Mitropoulos leading the New York Philharmonic in sympathetic accompaniment, from a Columbia recording made in 1952.



KHCD-2010-051 (MONO) - Britten: Holy Sonnets of John Donne - Sonnets of Michelangelo

- Alexander Young, tenor; Gordon Watson, piano - It has been mentioned by some English music critics that Benjamin Britten came to maturity as a composer during his stay in America. The *Sonnets of Michelangelo* were written during that period in November 1940, and performed by Peter Pears in the autumn of 1942, the composer as pianist. His extraordinary talent in writing for a foreign language is remarkable, its' very Italian character blending with Britten's maturing musical voice. The *Holy Sonnets of John Donne*, from 1945, find Britten comfortable in his mature idiom, and the dark words of Donne are given special illumination. Alexander Young gives forth a gripping performance of both collections, with Gordon Young as accompanist. The CD is produced from a mono Westminster International/Argo LP. Compelling performances of two of Britten's finest vocal solo collections.



KHCD-2010-052 (STEREO) - Rheinberger: Concerto in F for Organ, Strings and Three Horns, Op. 137 - Concerto in g minor for Organ, Two Trumpets, Two Horns and Timpani, Op. 177 - E. Power Biggs, organ; Columbia Symphony/Maurice Peress - Heroic Music for Organ, Brass and Percussion - E. Power Biggs, organ; New England Brass Ensemble/Richard Burgin - This issue complies material from 2 near-mint Columbia LPs, featuring E. Power Biggs in the best performances of Joseph Rheinberger's Organ Concerti available, beating out the competition in interpretation and sound. The CD is filled out with exciting flourishes of organ, brass and percussion, performed by the New England Brass Ensemble under Richard Burgin, recorded in 1962. A sonic spectacular worthy of repeated listening.



George Malcolm, harpsichord KHCD-2010-053 (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: The Two- and Three-Part Inventions, BWV 772-801 - George Malcolm, harpsichord - To teach and to systematically collect were dominant traits in JS Bach's musical life. He taught all his life, and much of his music is didactic in purpose; the *Inventions*, begun in 1720 for his eldest son, Wilhelm Freidemann, being a very well known example. Almost everyone who has studied piano seriously has come upon them; they are meant to be especially rewarding to a budding pianist once they are mastered. George Malcolm performs them with purposeful energy and stylishness, in a recording from a Nonesuch LP. Perfect for a beginning keyboardist, or an intro to Bach's singular genius.



KHCD-2010-054 (STEREO) - Schubert: Symphony No. 1 in D, D. 82; Symphony No. 2 in B-flat, D. 125 - Stuttgart Symphony Orchestra/Karl Ristenpart - Franz Schubert's youthful Symphonies No. 1 & 2 are given refreshingly vibrant performances by Karl Ristenpart and the Stuttgart Symphony. This release is transferred from a never-opened Nonesuch disc, the recording itself previously released on the Checkmate label (an imprint of Nonesuch) in the mid-60s, engineered by Marc Aubort, using the then-new Dolby recording system. This CD reissue, produced by request of several Klassic Haus customers, provides a rare opportunity to hear Ristenpart conducting early Romantic literature.



KHCD-2010-055 (STEREO) - Vivaldi: Eight Concerti for Diverse Instruments - Chamber

Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart - Karl Ristenpart and his Saar Chamber Orchestra shine in this stellar collection of concerti for diverse instruments, including combinations of oboe and violin, viola d'amore and guitar, bassoon, 2 and 3 violins, and the Ripieno Concerto for Strings in A, an early precursor to the classical symphony. An outstanding transfer combining recordings from 2 Nonesuch discs, one having never been opened, the other in good condition. The recordings on this CD, requested by several Klassic Haus customers, were a joy to transfer, and this reissue is a great addition to any collection of Baroque recordings, as well as fans of Karl Ristenpart.

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KHCD-2011-001 (STEREO) - Haydn: Symphony No. 57 in D; Symphony No. 86 in D;

Symphony No. 102 in B-flat - Cincinnati Symphony/Max Rudolf - Continuing in the reissuing of Decca (US) tapings with the Cincinnati Symphony is this disc of three Haydn symphonies. Highlighting the stylish, precise playing of the Cincinnati Symphony under Max Rudolf's direction, this transcription also captures the warm, spacious acoustic of Cincinnati Music Hall. Three LPs were used to provide the cleanest restorations available of these very collectable recordings.



KHCD-2011-002-3CD (STEREO) - Handel: Twelve Concerti Grossi, Op. 6 - Alexander

Schneider conducts His Orchestra - Handel's 12 Concerti Grossi Op. 6 are the crown jewels of the genre. This recording, with Alexander Schneider leading a hand-picked ensemble, preserves a performance that gives the feeling of colleagues gathered together to play these masterpieces with sensitivity, style, and consummate respect for the music. The recording itself is close-in, providing an intimate aural contact with the performers. I have preserved the original (artificial) reverb added in post-production by the RCA engineers, but have tamed it somewhat, since it tended to ring on certain harmonics. The result is a collection that is true to the original analog source.



KHCD-2011-003-2CD (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerti, BWV 1046-1051 -Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart - The Brandenburg Concerti represented a careful selection by Bach from what must have been an extensive output of such works. Quality and variety must have motivated Bach's choice for his presentation to the Margrave Christian Ludwig of Brandenburg. Witnessing the wealth of scorings, forms and styles contained within the Concerti, they are unmatched by any similar collection of their time. Karl Ristenpart's exceptional recording with his Chamber Orchestra of The Saar includes a stellar cast of soloists, including Jean-Pierre Rampal, Pierre Pierlot, Robert Veyron-Lacroix, as well as soloists from within the orchestra itself. This reissue, derived from two mint Nonesuch discs, is in stereo, supplanting the earlier 1990s re-release on Accord (Universal-France) in mono.

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KHCD-2011-004 (STEREO) - Haydn: Concerto in C for Organ and Orchestra; Sinfonia

Concertante; Two Nocturnes in C and in G - Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart - Continuing the series of reissues featuring recordings of The Chamber Orchestra of The Saar with Karl Ristenpart conducting, this CD is a collection of early, middle, and late period Haydn that provides the uncomplicated musical pleasures that were the intent of these pieces. In the last half of the 18th century, the organ enjoyed a final burst of secular popularity, before retiring to the church. The Organ Concerto in C, so melodic and in its way unassuming, most assuredly pleased an audience both knowing and appreciative of the young composer's gifts. The Nocturnes are written in full mature Haydn manner with strong themes and energetic rhythms. The Sinfonia Concertante in B-flat for Violin, 'Cello, Oboe, Bassoon and Orchestra is a monumental late-period piece dating from Haydn's first English trip, composed in London in 1792. It is written in the *concertante* style favored by Haydn as a compositional device in some earlier works (see KHCD-2010-032 "Le Matin", "Le Midi" and "Le Soir" Symphonies with Ristenpart conducting). This transcription is from a previously unopened (!) Nonesuch disc, produced as a request from several Ristenpart fans, and is a joyful listening experience.



KHCD-2011-005 (STEREO) - Haydn: L'incontro improvviso: Overture and Intermezzo; L'isloa disabitata: Sinfonia; La fedelita premiata: Sinfonia; L'infideltà delusa: Overture; Il mondo della luna: Sinfonia and Ballet Music; La vera costanza: Sinfonia; Armida: Sinfonia and March; Orlando Paladino: Sinfonia - Chamber Orchestra of Lausanne/Antal Dorati - The rediscovery of Haydn as an opera composer is from recent years. The overtures were used partly as opening and as closing music. Some are relatively free introductory pieces with no bearing on the ensuing opera; others, such as the overture to "Armida", has much to do with the business at hand, the storm music to come in the "enchanted forest" scene, the opening flourish indicating the struggle between call to duty and the voice of love. This transcription comes from a clean Philips disc, itself a collection of overtures and sinfonias from various complete Haydn opera recordings with Antal Dorati conducting.



KHCD-2011-006 (MONO) - Vaughan Williams: A London Symphony (Symphony No. 2,

1920 revision) - Cincinnati Symphony/Eugene Goossens; Symphony No. 4 in f minor - BBC Symphony/Ralph Vaughan Williams - Two classic 78 sets, that I transcribed directly from the discs to reel tape in1978. With updated restoration programs, I have cleaned up my earlier side-join and declicking work done in 2002, and feel confident in releasing these recordings on the Klassic Haus label. The "London Symphony" recording preserves the only recording of the 1920 revision, with Eugene Goossens leading the Cincinnati Symphony in a 1941 RCA recording that is fleet as well as appropriately atmospheric. Vaughan Williams' visceral Fourth Symphony, recorded by EMI in 1937, is given a galvanizing reading, with the BBC Symphony playing on the edge of their seats, the composer at the helm. I have added some "air" around the proceedings, to open up the somewhat dry, studio-bound soundstage; otherwise, no reverb or other artificial additions have been made.

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KHCD-2011-007 - Vivaldi: Gloria RV 589; Pergolesi: Magnificat -Elizabeth

Vaughan/Janet Baker/Ian Partridge/Christopher Keyte/King's College Choir/Academy of St. Martin-in-the-Fields/David Willcocks - This transcription is from the 1964 Argo recording, the performances using music editions published by Walton Music. Unmistakable in timbre, precise in execution, sensitive in performance practice, these recordings preserve the unique sound of the King's College choir and the superb cathedral acoustics. The LP used for this transcription was never opened before I set stylus-tovinyl, so little in the way of restoring was needed. A superb addition to a Baroque choral collection!



KHCD-2011-008-2CD - Vivaldi: "L'Estro Armonico" - 12 Concerti Op. 3 - I Musici -

Vivaldi's collection "Harmonic Invention" was unique in its diversity of instrumental form and sonority, revealing him as a great craftsman and a tireless experimenter. This 2 CD set is derived from a clean 2 LP Philips set recorded in 1963, and displays I Musici's extraordinary virtuosic talents.



KHCD-2011-009-2CD - J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerti BWV 1046-1051 - The Ars

Rediviva Ensemble/Milan Munclinger - Another "Brandenburg" set, second a series of planned releases in 2011 of different recordings of these timeless concerti. This recording, from a Crossroads/Supraphon 2 LP set of 1965, features the Ars Rediviva Ensemble of Prague. The Ensemble was originally formed in 1951 by Milan Munclinger (a flutist and conducting student of the great Vaclav Talich) during a revival of Baroque music in Czechoslovakia. The performances display well-chosen tempi, and discreetly miked balances with occasional subtle highlighting of solos. The LPs were in good condition and required little in cleanup; a slight damping of treble was required to eliminate some harshness in several of the concerti. The result is a very satisfying collection, with admirable performances and a fine recording from the well-respected Supraphon label in a licensing collaboration with Epic/Columbia.

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KHCD-2011-010 (STEREO) - Nielsen: Symphony No. 4 "The Inextinguishable" - Igor Markevitch/Royal Danish Orchestra; Grieg: Four Norwegian Dances and Sigurd Jorsalfar March; Järnefelt: Praeludium; Svendsen: Romance for Violin and Orchestra; Sibelius: Valse Triste and Finlandia - Willem van Otterloo/Hague Philharmonic - Orchestral music from Denmark, Finland and Norway fill this disc, with unmatched performances of Scandanavian masters Grieg, J ärnefelt, Nielsen, Sibelius and Svendsen. The "Inextinguishable" symphony no Carl Nielsen is given a riveting, passionate performance, with Igor Markevitch conducting the Royal Danish Orchestra, from a Fona recording licensed to Turnabout/Vox. The balance of this CD includes performances by the Hague Philharmonic, conducted by the revered Willem van Otterloo, from a Philips recording of the late 1950s licensed to Mercury. Both recordings were sourced from near-mint LPs. There is some slight congestion in louder passages in the Nielsen symphony, but otherwise sounds better than the original vinyl. The van Otterloo disc was cut at a low level, so I boosted the overall output to a more realistic level, and still maintained a quiet background. This is a very enjoyable collection, with performances that deserve to be reissued.



KHCD-2011-011 (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Concerto for 2 Harpsichords in c minor BWV 1062; Concerto for 3 Harpsichords in d minor BWV 1063; Concerto for 3 Harpsichords in C BWV 1064; Concerto for 4 Harpsichords in a minor BWV 1062 - Fritz Neumeyer, Lily Berger, Konrad Burr and Ilse Urbutiet, harpsichodists; Karl Ristenpart/Chamber Orchestra of The Saar - Karl Ristenpart's recordings of Bach with the Saar Chamber Orchestra are timeless in the seemingly effortless genius of balance and pulse, with warm spacious sound to enhance the experience.



KHCD-2011-012 (STEREO) - Brahms: Serenade No. 2 in A, Op. 16 ; Wagner: Siegfried

Idyll - Karl Ristenpart conducts The South German Philharmonic - Karl Ristenpart recorded few Romantic-era pieces, much to our regret, for his particular genius was well-suited for the genre. These two works, recorded for the Checkmate label in 1967, find Ristenpart in sympathy with the moods of quiet contemplation and unassuming gayety found in both of these works. Originally engineered by Marc J. Aubort in Stuttgart, the South German Philharmonic offers a burnished sound to the otherwise dark-hued Brahms, and the Wagner receives a truly chamber orchestra-oriented performance. Both are worthy of restoration to the catalogue after 40 years of neglect.



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KHCD-2011-013 (STEREO) - Mendelssohn: Concerto for 2 Pianos and Orchestra in Aflat; Schumann: Introduction and Allegro for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 92; Konzertstücke for 4 Horns and Orchestra, Op. 86 - Karl Ristenpart/Chamber Orchestra of The Saar - Another Romantic collection with Karl Ristenpart at the helm, with two piano works by Mendelssohn and Schumann, and his glorious recording of the Schumann Konzertstücke for 4 Horns and Orchestra. Originally taped by Club Françaises du Disques and issued domestically on two different Nonesuch discs, these recordings again reflect Ristenpart's dynamism and precision, and are worthy of reissue.



KHCD-2011-014 (STEREO) - English Cathedral Choir Series, Vol. 1: Evensong for Ash

Wednesday - Choir of King's College, Cambridge/David Willcocks - First in a series of 5 CDs devoted to the English Cathedral Choir, this recording, derived from an Argo LP from 1964, is a setting of the Ash Wednesday Service as observed by King's College, Cambridge. Works by Allegri, Byrd, Farrant, and Purcell, as well as lesser-known composers Joseph Pring, Matthew Camidge, and Thomas Causton are featured, with readings by the Chaplain, Dean and Director of Music of King's College. The unmistakable sound of King's College Choir, led by Davis Willcocks, provides the perfect setting for a time of solemn contemplation during the season of Lent, or any other occasional where peace and reflection may be enhanced by music.



KHCD-2011-015 (STEREO) - Telemann: Concerto in D for 3 Trumpets, Timpani, 2 Oboes, Strings and Continuo; Concerto in D for Trumpet, 2 Oboes, Strings, and Continuo; Ouverture in C for 3 Oboes, Strings and Continuo; Vivaldi: Concerto in a minor for Piccolo RV 445; Concerto in C for Piccolo RV 444 - Saar Chamber Orchestra/Karl Ristenpart - Telemann wrote innumerable concerti and orchestral suites. This particular collection, from a mid-60s Nonesuch LP features two "entertainment" concerti and a musically graceful, highly individual Ouverture. Karl Ristenpart conducts the Saar Chamber Orchestra with an acute sense of form and style, with Mauricé Andre, Michel Lagorce and Jacques Mas on trumpets; Helmut Winschermann, Erich Bolz and Ludwig Trenz on oboes. The Vivaldi Piccolo concerti are from another Nonesuch LP, with Roger Bourdin as piccolo soloist.

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KHCD-2011-016 (STEREO) - Wolf: Morgenhymnus; Van Nuffel: In convertendo Dominus, Op. 32; Brahms: Nänie, Op. 82; Mozart: Ave verum corpus, K. 618; Bruckner: Five Unaccompanied Motets; Beethoven: Die Erhe Gottes aus der Natur, Op. 48 No. 4 - New Philharmonia Chorus and New Philharmonia Orchestra/Wilhelm Pitz - The Philharmonia Chorus, was founded in 1957 by Walter Legge as a choral counterpart to the Philharmonia Orchestra which he had founded twelve years earlier. The Chorus's first concert, a performance on 12th November 1957 of Beethoven's Ninth Symphony, completed a cycle of Beethoven symphonies in London's Royal Festival Hall with the Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Otto Klemperer and was recorded shortly afterwards with the same performers. To create his chorus, Legge turned to Wilhelm Pitz, then chorus master of the Bayreuth Festival. Between first rehearsal in February 1957 and first concert there was a long period of preparation during which Pitz rehearsed the Chorus in not only the scheduled Beethoven but also in choral passages from Wagner's Die Meistersinger von Nürnberg. From that preparatory work emerged a chorus unique for its blend of British choral tradition and German musical training and discipline and for a dramatic quality found more typically in opera than in a symphony chorus. The full yet homogeneous and professionally disciplined sound immediately attracted critical notice. (From the Wikipedia entry on the New Philharmonia Chorus). This disc, transferred from a clean blue-label Angel LP, features the New Philharmonia Chorus in Classical, Romantic and Late Romantic works. (Bruckner's Locus iste *is the MP3 sample above.*)



KHCD-2011-017 (STEREO) - English Cathedral Choir Series, Vol. 2 - Hymns for All

Seasons - Choir of St. John's College, Cambridge/George Guest - Continuing the English Cathedral Choir Series on Klassic Haus is this collections of hymns representing seasons of the Church year. The album, from an Argo LP recorded in 1964, is lead by George Guest who was organist and choirmaster at St. John's College in Cambridge UK from 1951 to 1991, who transformed the choir into one of the most renowned English choirs, recording more than 60 albums and touring the world. The vocal sound of St. John's has been described as more "cosmopolitan" than the Choir of King's College, Cambridge. Certainly possessing a unique quality unrivaled by others, this selection of hymns is a delight, and useful as a reference as well as inspirational source.

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KHCD-2011-018 (STEREO) - English Cathedral Choir Series, Vol. 3 -

English Cathedral Music 1770-1860: Thomas Attwood Walmisley: Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis in d minor; John Nares: The souls of the righteous; John Goss: If we believe that Jesus died; Samuel Wesley: In exitu Israel; Samuel Sebastian Wesley: The Wilderness; Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace; Blessed be the God and Father - Choir of St. John's College,

Cambridge/George Guest - Church music in England at the beginning of the 19th century had sunk to an appalling state, causing Samuel Sebastian Wesley (represented on this disc with 3 pieces) to publish a pamphlet titled *a few words on Cathedral Music and the Musical System of the Church, and a plan of reform*. The decline of standards of performance were decried, the tearing down and defacing of organs was found abhorrent, and the terrible physical state of church music books bemoaned. Given such an unsympathetic climate, it is surprising that any church music of value was produced during this period, yet the eight pieces on this disc, derived from an Argo LP of 1964, prove that by no means everything was of mediocre quality. Sung with commitment and particular grace and style, the Choir of St. John's College Cambridge bring these minor masterpieces back to life. *(The Goss "If we believe that Jesus died" is sampled as an MP3 above.)*



KHCD-2011-019 (STEREO) - English Cathedral Choir Series, Vol. 4 -Sing Joyfully: A recital of anthems from Tallis to Britten - The Choir of St. Michael's College, Tenbury/Lucian Nethsingha - The Chapel of St. Michael's College, Tenbury, is set amongst the orchards of Worcestershire, and it is in this peaceful place that the Choir of St. Michael's College call home. This choir, made up of choristers studying at the college as well as non-choristers, has a lighter sound than the other choirs represented in this series, and the music presented in this recital fits their unique timbre perfectly. Transcribed from an Argo LP of 1965.



KHCD-2011-020 (STEREO) - English Cathedral Choir Series, Vol. 5 -150 Years of English Church Music: Works by Battishill, Blow, Boyce, Croft, Greene, Purcell, and Wise - Salisbury Cathedral Choir/Christopher Dearnley - Salisbury Cathedral is one of the finest Gothic buildings in Europe, and it within this superb acoustical setting that the Salisbury Cathedral Choir presents this collection of works by English composers spanning 150 years. The Choir is lead by Christopher Dearnley , who was Assistant Organist, Salisbury Cathedral 1954-57, Music Master, Cathedral School 1954-57, and Organist and Master of the Choristers 1957-67. Taken from an Argo LP of 1961, this recital includes works of great beauty by minor composers as well as the genius of Henry Purcell.

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KHCD-2011-021 (STEREO) - Dvorák: Serenade in E for Strings, Op. 22 - Czech Chamber Orchestra/Joseph Vlach; Serenade in d minor for Winds, 'cello, and Bass - Prague Chamber Harmony/Martin Turnovský -Nearly all of Dvorák' artistic traits are evident in these wonderful Serenades. The features that he took from the Czech folk song and which gave his music its decided Slavonic flavor are mixed within each movement. And, as a melodist, Dvorák is unsurpassed. Both of these Serenades are played with the special stylistic flair and timbre that only Czech ensembles can produce. Transcribed from a domestic Crossroads LP, licensed to Epic/Columbia by Supraphon.



KHCD-2011-022 (STEREO) - Bach for Band - Toccata and Fugue in d minor; Wachet Auf; Three-Part Invention in D; Minuet in G; Badinerie; Fugue from Toccata in e minor; "Little" Fugue in g minor; Air on the G String; Chorales Nos. 5 & 8 from Cantata No. 80; Bist Du Bei Mir; Sinfonia to Cantata No. 29 - London Symphonic Band/Gerallt Leslie Williams - Bach transmogrified, in this instance by Gerallt Leslie Williams, with his highly skilled arrangements, and forty professional players making up the London Symphonic Band, gathered to put them into splendid effect. Transcribed from a mint Columbia LP recorded in 1971, this is indeed a "splendid noise", with bombast as well as subtlety abounding.



KHCD-2011-023-2CD (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Brandenburg Concerti BWV 1046-1051 -

Collegium Aureum - Third in the continuing series of Bach Brandenburg Concerti releases by Klassic Haus. This performance is by Collegium Aureum, the early-music ensemble formed by the recording company Harmonia Mundi, and was released in 1965 on an RCA Victrola 2-LP set. Soloists include Gustav Leonhardt on harpsichord and Edward H. Tarr on clarin trumpet. Sonics on the discs were a bit bright, so I have tamed the high end a bit to render a more realistic soundstage. Recorded in one of the many Schlosses used as venues by Collegium Aureum, if you listen very carefully at the end of some of the movements' reverb tails, it's possible to hear bird chirping! Not in any way distracting, it actually brings the recording into a more personal state, rendering it more "live", as it were. Very enjoyable performances, not at all ascetic as some other early-music groups.

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KHCD-2011-024 (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Cantata BWV 169 "Gott soll mein herze haben" -Eva Bornemann, contalto; Günter Karau, organ; Cantata BWV 56 "Ich will den Kreuzstab gernen tragen" - Jakob Stämpfli, bass; Erich Bolz, oboe; Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart - Continuing with reissues of the recorded legacy of Karl Ristenpart, this disc is a transcription of a 1965 traversal of two of Bach's solo cantatas. No. 56 receives a second recording by Ristenpart (the first was an Archiv recording made in June, 1951 with Dietrich Fischer-Dieskau as soloist). Sensitive, intimate performances, well recorded by Club Français du Disque, and first issued on a Nonesuch LP.



KHCD-2011-025-2CD (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Die Kunst der Fuge, BWV 1080 (The Art of The Fuge, orchestral realization by Marcel Bitsch and Claude Pascal) - Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart -

Karl Ristenpart recorded *Die Kunst der Fuge* with the Saar Chamber Orchestra twice, in stereo; the first on October 29, 1963 for Erato which included Counterpoint 1 through7, and 12 through 16, arranged for chamber orchestra by Helmut Winschermann. The second recording, from which this transcription was derived, was recorded on June 16-19, 1966, by Club Français du Disque, and issued domestically on a Nonesuch 2-LP set. The orchestral realization was by Marcel Bitsch and Claude Pascal. Their version attempts not to "glorify" the work in an overblown 19th-century orchestration; rather, it renders the internal structure perceptible to the listener by choice of instruments. The result is clarity itself, and is beautifully played by members of the Chamber Orchestra of the Saar.



KHCD-2011-026 (MONO/STEREO) - Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring (1953 mono);

Moussorgsky: Night on Bare Mountain; Tchaikovsky: Marche Slav; Glinka: Kamarinskaya; Borodin: Dance of the Polovetsian Maidens (1958 stereo) - Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/William Steinberg - The Pittsburgh Symphony recorded for Capitol Records from 1952 to 1959 in the Syrian Mosque auditorium, a building once known for its superior acoustics (it was razed in the '90s). This collection consisting of mono and stereo recordings capture the PSO with its music director William Steinberg in compelling traversals of Stravinsky's "Rite" and a Russian concert program, derived from a green label/gold print Capitol mono and a side-logo rainbow circle stereo LP, both in very good condition.

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KHCD-2011-027-2CD (STEREO) - Joseph Haydn: The "Paris" Symphonies: No. 82 in C "L'Ours"; No. 83 in g minor "La Poule"; No. 84 in E-flat; No. 85 in B-flat "La Reine"; No. 86 in D; No. 87 in A - The **Orchestra of Naples/Denis Vaughan -** One of the most important foreign commissions Haydn received in the 1780s came from Paris. About 1784 Haydn was asked to write six symphonies for the concert de la Loge Olympique orchestra. The symphonies seem to have been performed in 1787, and were the smash hits of the Parisian concert season. Although not stated in the program notes, the performing editions used in these recordings include harpsichord. These transcriptions, from an RCA 3-LP set published in 1967, highlight the superbly disciplined Orchestra of Naples, founded and directed by Denis Vaughan, and recorded in the vibrant acoustics of the Palazzo Reale in Naples.



KHCD-2011-028 (STEREO) - Brahms: Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 73; Shostakovich:

Symphony No. 1 in F, Op. 10 - Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/William Steinberg - Continuing the series of reissues of the legendary Command Classics recordings made by the Pittsburgh Symphony under William Steinberg, this transfer contains both the first recording made by Enoch Light's team in Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Auditorium, and one of the last in the series. The Brahms was a sonic spectacular from its first release, and this transfer is made from a near mint gold label, heavy platter Command disc. The Shostakovich is a bit more distant in recorded perspective, much as the Beethoven symphonies in the Command series; the disc used has the vibrant sound, low-end depth, and broad soundstage found in first pressings. Interpretations are thoughtful as always, with Steinberg's signature fresh approach to standard classics.



KHCD-2011-029 (MONO) - Tchaikovsky: Suite No. 2 in C, Op. 53; Concerto in E-flat for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 75; Concert-Fantasia for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 56 - Noel Mewton-Wood, piano/Winterthur Symphony Orchestra/Walter Goehr - This disc is a companion to KHCD-2010-016 (Tchaikovsky Suites No. 1 & No. 3) with same forces, recorded by Concert Hall Society in the early 50s. The 2nd Suite is given a fleet and detailed reading; the single movement 3rd Piano Concerto is insightful and masterfully played by young keyboardist Newton-Wood, coupled with the seldom-heard Concert-Fantasia. Two discs were used for the transfer of the Suite No. 2 (one copy, graciously provided by Steve Haller, had a first-issue dark reddish-brown label, red vinyl disc in restorable condition); the Concerto and Concert-Fantasia was transferred from a good-condition later edition disc. There is some slight congestion in louder passages, but does not detract from the overall soundscape which is quite good mono. The result is a CD that sounds better than the vinyl copies, and preserves performances that deserve to be heard again.

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KHCD-2011-030 (STEREO) - John Stainer: The Crucifixion - Alexander Young, tenor;

Donald Bell, bass; Eric Chadwick, organ: Leeds Philharmonic Choir/Herbert Bardgett, conductor - Stainer's *Crucifixion* was for generations a staple piece for church choirs and amateur choral societies, especially during the Lenten season. This recording, made in 1961 by EMI, was the first professionally produced taping of this exemplar of 19th century English choral music. Alexander Young gives his solo work the usual exceptionally sweet-toned, musically sensitive performance, and Donald Bell is perfectly cast as the voice of Jesus. The Leeds Philharmonic Choir provides well-disciplined support, producing a superb, balanced sound rivaling professional choirs. Herbert Bardgett conducts with sensitivity, eschewing overtly Romantic tempi and ritardandi in service to the message of the work. This transfer used a domestic blue-label, red leatherette spine Angel release; the recording was cut at a low level (as was the English EMI disc issued in Europe), so I raised the levels to a more realistic soundstage.



KHCD-2011-031-2CD (STEREO) - Handel - Organ Concerti, Vol. 1: The Baroque Organ of the Parish Church in Körbecke (Concerti Nos. 4 in F, 10 in d minor & 16 in F) and the Gabler Organ of Weingarten Abbey (Concerti Nos. 5 in F, 6 in B-flat, 7 in B-flat, & 8 in A) - Rudolf Ewerhart, organist; Collegium Aureum/Reinhart Peters -These recordings made by Harmonia Mundi were guided by the idea of presenting Handel's Concerti for Organ in performances on several instruments of varying sizes and types. Since Handel's organ style shows elements of the South German - Italian manner as well as French techniques, the instruments chosen for this volume serve well the wealth of forms and variety of structure in Handel's works on these discs. Rudolf Ewerhart chooses tempi and registers appropriate for each movements of the concerti, as well as attention to the venues' acoustics (all four churches recorded in this 2-volume set are very reverberant). The Collegium Aureum on original instruments play with verve and stylistic attention to detail. The source for this collection is a 4-LP Musical Heritage Society set in near-mint condition. A specially priced, 2-CD set.



KHCD-2011-032-2CD (STEREO) - Handel - Organ Concerti, Vol. 2: The "Trinity" Organ by Karl Joseph Riepp in Ottobeuren (Concerti Nos. 3 in g minor, 9 in B-flat, 11 in g minor, & 14 in A)and the Cabinet Organ of the Geertekerk in Utrecht (Concerti Nos. 1 in g minor, 2 in B-flat, 12 in F, 13 in B-flat, & 15 in d minor) - Rudolf Ewerhart, organist; Collegium Aureum/Reinhart Peters - Comments for Volume 1 apply as well for this set. Both volumes are specially priced, 2-CD sets.

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KHCD-2011-033 (STEREO) - Mozart: Sinfonie Concertante in E-flat for violin, viola, and orchestra K. 364; Concertone for 2 violins, oboe, 'cello, and orchestra K. 190 - Otto Buechner & Georg-Friedrich Hendel, violins; Georg Schmidt, viola; Pierre Pierlot, oboe; Rolf Dommisch, 'cello/Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/Karl Ristenpart; Symphony in D (after "Posthorn" Serenade, K. 320) - Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra of Cologne/Günter Wand - The musical form known as the Sinfonie Concertante enjoyed a short-lived but spectacular popularity approximately between the years 1760 and 1785. Adapting the instrumental makeup of the concerto grosso to the new frame of the sonata form was the special contribution of the Mannheim school, ground-breakers at the time in Europe in the area of symphonic orchestration. It was in Paris, though, that this form flourished. Some of the most glorious music written by Mozart is to be found in the richly orchestrated Sinfonie Concertante in E-flat. The Concertone (translates as "grand concerto") suffers from neglect, unfairly so, for the 17-year-old Mozart imbued it with much charm. The Symphony in D, after the "Posthorn" Serenade No. 9, K. 320, was once thought not have originated from Mozart; due to relatively recent research, it has been determined that it indeed was fashioned by Mozart, or at least he authorized its formation, most likely adapted for a specific performance venue. Karl Ristenpart and his Chamber Orchestra of The Saar provide a stellar accompaniment to the virtuoso soloists in the Concertante and the Concertone, from an early pressing blue label with silver print Musical Heritage LP published in 1966. Günter Wand and the Gürzenich Orchestra perform the Symphony in D with stylish aplomb, from a factory-sealed, late-pressing Nonesuch disc.



KHCD-2011-034 (STEREO) - The Art of The Baroque TrumpetWorks by Torelli, Franceschini, Charpentier, Altenburg, Fasch, Handel and anon. - Edward Tarr/Consortium Musicum/Fritz Lehann - No

musical instrument has undergone more radical changes since the Baroque era than the trumpet. The valved instrument with which we are familiar has a total length somewhat over three feet. The Baroque instruments featured on this disc are valveless and have a total length of about seven feet. On a valveless brass instrument it is possible by lip tension alone to produce a series of tones in a fixed relationship to one another. Only in the fourth octave of this harmonic series do they lie in intervals of a second; and only in this highest register can diatonic melodies be produced on the Baroque trumpet. This transcription, from a Nonesuch LP released in 1969, was one of the first to feature reconstructions of Baroque trumpets. The works of Franceschini, Charpentier, the anonymous German fanfares and the Altenburg chorale setting were recorded using long Baroque trumpets. The Italian sonatinas and the Altenburg concerto were recorded on "Jägertrompeten" (hunter's trumpets in coiled form). The Torelli, Fasch, and Handel works were played on modern high valved trumpets. A listing of personnel in the recording is included on the back cover of the CD. An exhilarating collection, worthy of reissue.
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KHCD-2011-035-2CD (STEREO) - Haydn: Die Jahreszeiten (The Seasons) - Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano; Helmut Kreschmar, tenor; Erich Wenk, bass; Symphony Orchestra and Chorus of the Norddeutsche Rundfunk, Hamburg/Walter Goehr - The design of "The Seasons" differs fundamentally from the structure of the Handelian oratorio, which is influenced by the spirit of musical drama. The "Seasons" is in the nature of a cantata cycle, and the illustrative element undoubtedly appealed to Haydn, who had attempted a similar task in 1761 when he wrote the symphonic triptych "Le Matin, "Le Midi" and "Le Soir" (Nos. 6, 7, and 8, see <u>KHCD-2010-032</u>). The "Seasons" has a distinct autobiographical ring; here speaks a man who was born in the country. lived most of his life in rural surroundings, and was deeply attached to nature. This 2-disc set, derived from a 3-LP set licensed to Nonesuch by Tono (Zürich), is an enthusiastic, well recorded sojourn through the German countryside. The NDR Chorus sings with lusty precision, and the soloists are at their lyrical best. Walter Goehr conducts with vigor and tenderness where required. A welcome reissue of Haydn's pastoral picture book of Seasons.



KHCD-2011-036-2CD (STEREO) - Delibes: Coppélia (complete ballet music, Bolshoi

Ballet production) - Bolshoi Theater Orchestra/Yuri Fayer - The classic ballet about Coppélius the toymaker and his humanoid doll Coppélia, thought by the village folk to be his daughter. She excites the love of the village swain Frantz, much to the dismay of his girlfriend, Swanhilde. The "live" girl finally gets her man, but only after a succession of balletic high jinks. This recording, first issued domestically on the Melodiya/Angel label in 1970, comprises the complete score conforming to the Bolshoi Ballet production (which deletes several scenes). Transcribed from a near mint late pressing onion-dome logo Melodiya/Angel 2-LP set. Due to the short length of the CDs, this set is specially priced.



KHCD-2011-037 (STEREO) - Hadyn: Symphonies No. 48 "Maria Theresa" in C, No. 70 in D, and No. 77 in B-flat - English Chamber Orchestra/Raymond Leppard - The seclusion of Haydn in his dream job at the palace of Prince Esterházy compelled him to experiment and be original; his gifts, lifted from the restraint of the rococo conventions, were to produce the world's first true symphonies. This disc, transcribed from two mint Philips LPs, showcases the undeniable genius of Haydn and the virtuosity of the English Chamber Orchestra, led by conductor/scholar Raymond Leppard. The sonics are classic Philips; detailed, refined, with subtle low bass response that was a signature of the late 60s/early 70s Philips discs. This disc was produced by request (a service I offer through Klassic Haus); it is a joyful listening experience.



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KHCD-2011-038 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Concerto in D for violin and orchestra, Op. 35 - Igor Oistrakh, violin; Moscow Philharmonic/David Oistrakh; Khachaturian: Concerto in d minor for violin and orchestra -David Oistrakh, violin; Moscow Radio Symphony Orchestra/Aram Khachaturian - Two classic recordings, long out of print, featuring father David Oistrakh conducting son Igor Oistrakh in Tchaikovsky's venerable Violin Concerto, from a first series red leatherette-spine, red with black star border label Melodiya/Angel LP. The composer-lead Khachaturian Violin Concerto has Davis Oistrakh as soloist, from a rare orange label Cyrillic-script Melodiya/Odyssey release. Both recordings are lush, lyrical, and well recorded; the Khachaturian is an older recording, so the soloist is a bit more "up-front", whereas the Tchaikovsky is reminiscent of contemporary (1967) EMI recordings. Both are quite enjoyable, and worthy of reissue.



KHCD-2011-039 (STEREO) - Mozart: Mass in C, K. 317 "Coronation"; Vesperae Solennes De Confessore in C, K. 339 - Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano; Bianca Maria Casoni, alto: Pietro Botazzi, tenor; Georg Littasy, bass; Chorus of the Saarbrück Conservatory; Chamber Orchestra of The Saar/ Karl Ristenpart; Symphony No. 40 in g minor, K. 550 - Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra of Cologne/Günter Wand - Choral masterpieces from Mozart's return to Salzburg after an unsuccessful period in Paris. The "Coronation" Mass from 1779 is in celebration of a miraculous image of the Virgin Mary near Salzburg in 1751. The "Vesperae Solennes" is from 1780, Mozart's last composition for the Archbishop Colloredo before his (Mozart's) departure to Vienna. Both works are played with lyrical precision by the Saar Chamber Orchestra, with a fine cast of soloists and a well-trained chorus, led by legendary conductor Karl Ristenpart. It is transcribed from a previously factory-sealed early pressing Nonesuch disc. The CD is completed with a compelling performance of the Symphony No. 40 in g minor, with Günter Wand leading the well-disciplined Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra of Cologne, from a factory sealed, later pressing Nonesuch LP.



KHCD-2011-040 (STEREO) - Haydn: Symphony No. 26 in d minor "Lamentatione";

Symphony No. 34 in d minor - English Chamber Orchestra/Raymond Leppard; Symphony No. 103 in E-flat "Drum Roll" - London Philhamonic/Raymond Leppard - Two early Haydn gems of the "Stürm und Drang" period, with Raymond Leppard as harpsichordist/conductor; and he leads the London Philharmonic in Symphony No. 103 of 1795 from the extraordinary "London" symphonies series. The early symphonies come from a mint Philips LP of 1970; the Symphony No. 103 is from a near -mint Classics For Pleasure LP in the W.D. & H.O. Willis Master Series (a performance grant to the LPO) from the 1970s.

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KHCD-2011-041 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5 in e minor, Op. 64 -

Concertgebouw Orchestra of Amsterdam/Wolfgang Sawallisch; Rachmaninoff: Three Russian Folk Songs, Op. 41; Spring - Cantata, Op. 20 - John Shaw, bass-baritone; Cathedral Choir of St. Ambrose; New Philharmonia Orchestra/Igor Buketoff - 100th CD RELEASE - Tchaikovsky's 5th Symphony is given a fresh, no nonsense and decisive reading by Wolfgang Sawallisch and the Amsterdam Concertgebouw Orchestra, from a promo white label domestic Philips release, mastered by Mercury in 1964 with an RFR matrix. The LP was a bit bass-shy (typical of domestically released Philips discs), so I have added some depth to the soundscape, revealing a satisfying, subtle bass response. The Rachmaninoff choral pieces, seldom recorded, were not released on CD when the companion *1812 Overture* was reissued on a budget CD by BMG in the 1990s. Both the *Three Russian Folks Songs* and the expansive *Spring* cantata are given authoritative readings by Rachmaninoff expert Igor Buketoff and the New Philharmonia Orchestra, in a warm late 60s RCA recording engineered by Robert Auger.



KHCD-2011-042 (STEREO) - Haydn: Mass in d minor "Missa in angustiis" (Nelson Mass) - Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano; Nedda Casei, mezzo-soprano; Kurt Equiluz, tenor; Nikolaus Simkowsly, bass; Vienna State Opera Orchestra and Chorus/Hans Swarowsky - Mozart: Missa solemnis in c minor, K. 139 - Celestina Casapietra, soprano; Annelies Burmeister, contralto; Peter Schreier, tenor; Herman Christian Polster, bass; Radio Symphony Orchestra and Chorus Leipzig/Herbert Kegel - Many recordings made by Tono (Zürich) were licensed during the 1960s to Nonesuch. This recording of the Haydn "Missa in angustiis" in one such fine example, with an excellent quartet of soloists, well-trained chorus, and the ubiquitous Hans Sawarowsky leading the Vienna State Opera Orchestra. The Mozart Missa solemnis is from a brief Mozart Mass series conducted by Herbert Kegel, recorded in the early 70s by VEB Deutsche Schallplatten, based in Berlin (DDR), and released on Philips.



KHCD-2011-043-2CD (STEREO) - Handel: Organ Concerti, Vol. 1- Six Concerti, Op. 4; Concerto No. 13 in F "Cuckoo and the Nightingale"; Concerto No. 14 in A - Lionel Rogg playing the organ of the Abbey Saint Michel de Gaillac/Chamber Orchestra of Toulouse/Georges Armand - It was only natural that the entrepreneur in Handel, one of the first truly independent composers who produced opera and oratorios in public theaters at his own risk, recognized that by capitalizing on his own talent as a virtuoso organist and improviser that he could add one more element that would seduce people to the theaters where his music would be performed. During the interludes, Handel would perform an organ concerto, a secular virtuoso piece; it became his personal innovation. Lionel Rogg performs with the Toulouse Chamber Orchestra in a superb collection of Handel's complete Op. 4 works for organ, plus Concerti No. 13 & 14.

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KHCD-2011-044-2CD (STEREO) - Handel: Organ Concerti, Vol. 2 - Six Concerti, Op. 7; Concerto No. 15 in d minor; Concerto No. 16 in F - Lionel Rogg playing the organ of the Abbey Saint Michel de Gaillac/Chamber Orchestra of Toulouse/Georges Armand - Comments as for Vol. 1 apply; this collection includes the complete Op. 7 works for organ, plus Concerti No. 15 & 16.



KHCD-2011-045 (MONO) - Respighi: Roman Festivals (1926); Church Windows (1926) -1954 mono; Debussy: Three Nocturnes - 1953 mono - Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra/Antal Dorati - The recordings on this disc were the ultimate audiophile demo LPs in the early 50s, and for some time after that. The Mercury/Minneapolis Symphony series of recordings with Antal Dorati conducting were groundbreaking in many ways, and the vinyl discs are still coveted for their realistic, wide-range soundstage, not sounding "mono" at all! Two near-mint discs were used for this transfer, and this CD release preserves a sense of discovery in sheer music-making seldom found in present-day recordings.



KHCD-2011-046 (STEREO Reel Tape Master) - Bruckner: Symphony No. 7 in E (1883 Leipzig Version edited by Bruckner with percussion) - Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra/Max Rudolf - Continuing the Decca (US) series of recordings of the Cincinnati Symphony, Klassic Haus offers this rare reel-to-reel tape transcription of Max Rudolf's magisterial traversal of Bruckner's popular Symphony No. 7. This reissue faithfully reproduces the broad soundstage preferred by the Decca engineers, and preserves a wonderful account of this late Romantic classic.

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KHCD-2011-047 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 6 in b minor, Op. 74 "Pathétique" - Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra/Max Rudolf - (STEREO Reel Tape Master) Wagner: Selections from "The Ring": Ride of the Valkyries/Magic Fire Music/Entry of the Gods into Valhalla/Dawn and Siegfried's Rhine Journey -Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra/William Steinberg - Combining releases from Klassic Haus' continuing series featuring the Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra and the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra, this disc offers a mint Decca (US) transcription of Max Rudolf's masterly and under-appreciated reading of Tchaikovsky's perennial favorite "Pathétique" symphony. The Wagner selections conducted by William Steinberg are from a Command reel tape master, and are demonstration-quality.



KHCD-2011-048 (MONO) - Ralph Vaughan Williams: On Wenlock Edge - Alexander Young, tenor; Gordon Watson, piano; The Sebastian String Quartet - Seven Songs from "Pilgrims Progress" - John Cameron, baritone; Patricia Bartlett, soprano; Iris Kell, soprano; Gordon Watson, piano - Alexander Young's recordings with Argo, released domestically on Westminster in the 1950s, have been woefully unavailable since the 1960s. Klassic Haus offers his 1953 recording of "On Wenlock Edge", certainly the definitive taping of that 1909 masterpiece. Australian baritone John Cameron is joined by sopranos Patricia Bartlett and Iris Kell in Seven Songs from "Pilgrim's Progress", RVW's morality play set to music and produced in 1951. The LP used for transcription was graciously supplied by Walter Wells.



KHCD-2011-049 (MONO) - Peter Warlock: The Curlew - Alexander Young, tenor; Gordon Watson, piano; Lionel Solomon, flute; Peter Graeme, English horn; The Sebastian String Quartet - Twelve Songs - Alexander Young, tenor - More Argo/Westminster recordings by Alexander Young, this a 1954 traversal of "The Curlew", Warlock's chamber masterpiece, accompanied by the Sebastian String Quartet with flute and English horn, and the cycle of 12 Songs with piano. Masterful readings, brought to life again in a transcription sounding better than the original vinyl. The LP used for transcription was graciously supplied by Walter Wells.

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KHCD-2011-050 (STEREO) - Bizet: Symphony in C - Roussel: Suite in F, Op. 33 - d'Indy: Istar, Op. 42 - Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra/Max Rudolf - Another installment in the continuing reissue series featuring the Concinnati Symphony conducted by Max Rudolf. Derived from a near-mint Decca (US) LP, this disc includes delightful performances of the 17-year-old Bizet's Symphony in C, Roussel's homage to the eighteenth-century Suite in F, and d'indy's variations on a theme in reverse-order tone-poem Istar.



KHCD-2011-051 (STEREO) - Bach: Magnificat in D, BWV 243 - Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano; Bianca Maria Casoni; alto; Pietro Bottazzi, tenor, Georg Littasy, bass; Chorus of the Saarbruck Conservatory (Herbert Schmolzi, director) - Maurice André, Louis Menardi, C, de Antoni, trumpets - Cantata BWV 51 - Teresa Stich-Randall, soprano; Maurice André, trumpet - Chamber Orchestra of The Saar - Karl Ristenpart - This disc is the result of many requests by Klassic Haus customers. After much searching, I was able to find a restorable, late-pressing copy of this elusive Nonesuch disc, first issued domestically in 1965. Glorious performance of the Magnificat in C, with the ubiquitous soprano Teresa-Stich Randall offering her clarity of voice and attention to detail, along with a well-balanced cast of soloists, and a youthful, well-trained chorus. Trumpeter Maurice André joins Stich-Randall in the solo Cantata No. 51. The proceedings are conducted by Karl Ristenpart, with the Chamber Orchestra of the Saar.



KHCD-ST001 (STEREO) Spartacus - Soundtrack Album - Music by Alex North - North's

"Spartacus" score has a truly pagan flavor, as does the film itself. Arming his orchestra with a wonderful array of percussion and an early electronic instrument called an ondioline, North captured the decadence, fantastic excesses, and especially the military precision of the Romans. He also composed a love theme of such delicacy that jazz musicians adopted it as a near-standard. Certainly, "Spartacus" is classic movie music, in a class with the best "modernist" scores by Bernard Herrmann, Jerry Goldsmith, Toshiro Mayuzumi, Ennio Morricone, even Prokofiev. Derived from a near-mint Decca (US) early pressing LP in the deluxe gatefold packing found in first releases, the pomp and tenderness of the film is brought to life in this transcription.

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KHCDS-ST002 (STEREO) - Man of La Mancha - 1968 London Cast Production - Keith

Michell/Joan Diener/Bernard Spear/Oliver Gilbert/Alan Crofoot and supporting cast - Dale Wasserman's non-musical play was transformed into this classic musical, with the brilliant music of Mitch Leigh with lyrics by Joe Darion. This 2-CD set is a transcription of the 2-LP complete musical play as performed by the 1968 London cast, produced for records by Albert Marre, and includes dialog. Never before reissued on CD, now available for repeated listening.



KHCD-2011-052 (STEREO) - Richard Strauss: Der Rosenkavalier - Suite, Op. 59 - Johann Strauss: Die Fledermaus -Overture, Op. 362; Wine, Women, and Song - Waltzes, Op. 333; Thunder and Lightning - Polka, Op. 324 - Cincinnati Symphony/Max Rudolf - Scintillating performances highlight this disc, adding to the growing Klassic Haus collection of Cincinnati Symphony recordings. Highly recommended; an aural delight.



KHCD-2011-053 (STEREO) - Duke Ellington: New World A'Coming/Harlem/The Golden Broom and the Green Apple - with poetic commentary on his works by Duke Ellington - Duke Ellington, piano; Cincinnati Symphony Orchestra/Erich Kunzel - The elusive 1970 Decca (US) disc, a collector's edition that included a 7' LP with The Duke commenting on the symphonic works found on this transcription. This disc was the second recording Erich Kunzel made with the Cincinnati Symphony for Decca, since he began as Resident Conductor with them in 1965. Evocative, powerful performances with The Duke at the piano.



KHCD-2011-054 (STEREO) - Bach: Cantata BWV 35 "Geist und Seele wird verwirren" -Maureen Forrester, alto; Cantata BWV 42 "Am Abend aber desselbigen Sabbats" - Teresa Stich-Randal, soprano; Maureen Forrester, alto; Alexander Young, tenor; John Boyden, bass; Herbert Tachezi, organ; Vienna Academy Chamber Choir; Vienna Radio Orchestra/Hermann Scherchen - Scherchen's Bach recordings were ground-breaking in terms of performance practice; tempi, orchestral, solo and choral balances were given razor-sharp scrutiny, and the results predated many of today's commonly used practices in performing Bach's vocal works.. Coupled with fine production by the Vienna Westminster team, they have withstood the test of time. This disc features a stellar vocal quartet and organist Herbert Tachezi in performances worthy of reissue. The LP used for this transcription was graciously provided by Walter Wells.

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KHCD-ST003 (MONO) - Rodgers: Victory At Sea - Symphonic Suite - First Recording (1954) - Members of the NBC Symphony/Robert Russell Bennett - Most LP collectors are familiar with the three-volume RCA stereo recordings of music from the award-winning 1952 epic 26 half-hour episode television documentary "Victory at Sea". This 1954 mono recording, restored from a near-mint LP, was the first taping of the nine-movement symphonic suite. It was recorded at Rockefeller Center Theatre with members of the legendary NBC Symphony. There are telling differences between the stereo performances and this well-recorded mono transcription; perhaps more attention to inner voices, tempi a bit quicker, tighter ensemble. This is a recording well worth preserving, with music by a truly immortal American composer.



KHCD-ST004 (STEREO) - Gould: World War I - Soundtrack to the 1964 CBS Documentary -

Orchestra and Band conducted by Morton Gould - One feature that placed "World War One" far and above other TV documentaries of the time (1964) was the soundtrack composed by Morton Gould. Each episode opens with the introduction which was equal in dramatic quality to the "Song of the High Seas" from "Victory At Sea" composed by Richard Rodgers (see KHCD-ST003). The rest of the music for the series is dramatic, poignant, and simple. RCA records released a soundtrack album soon after the series was run on its classical LSC-series Red Seal label, and also briefly reissued in the 70s on the budget ANL-series label. This transcription offers this wonderful score again to collectors of soundtracks, and also to those who admire Morton Gould's compositions.



CMAS-003 (STEREO) - Schütz: The Christmas Oratorio (1664) - Edith Mathis, Angel; Georg Jelden, Evangelist; Claus Ocker, Herod; Windsbach Boys' Choir/Hans Thamm - Renaissance Choral Christmas Music: Selections by Desprez, Gallus (Handl), Andrea & Giovanni Gabrieli, Schütz, Walter, Gesius, Praetorius, Vulpius, and Scheidt - The Christmas Oratorio of Heinrich Schütz was composed in 1664, when he was nearing 80 years old, and gradual deafness was driving him towards reclusion and spiritual introspection. It constitutes a perfect example of his mature genius, with its quasiplainsong recitatives and its Baroque concerted numbers. It is performed with original instruments, and sung with perfection by the Windsbach Boys' Choir, and a trio of wonderful soloists, derived from an red leatherette-spine album, blue-label domestic Angel LP. The balance of the disc features three European choral groups performing familiar and not so familiar Renaissance choral works, taken from an early pressing Nonesuch LP from 1966.

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KHCD-2011-055 (STEREO) - Musiques Royales a Notre Dame - Brass and Organ works by Mouret, De Lalande, and Lully - Maurice André, trumpet; Pierre Cochereau, organ; Brand and Wind Ensemble conducted by Armand Birbaum - 17th and 18th Century French Organ Masterworks: Music of Piroye, Marchand, F. Couperin, De Grigny & Clérambault - Pierre Froidebise plays the Great Organ of the Church Saint-Laurent d'Alkmaar - The glorious majesty and pomp of combined brass and organ is irresistible in sonic appeal, as the first half of this reissue reveals. Recorded in the sublime spaciousness of Notre Dame Cathedral, Paris, this recording features Maurice Andre on 1st trumpet, and also the unique brass timbre that only French players can reproduce. The second half of the disc offers rare 17th and 18th century French organ masterpieces, played with suitable verve and sensitivity by organist Pierre Froidebise, performing on the Great Organ of the Church Saint-Laurent d'Alkmaar.



KHCD-2011-056-2CD (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: The Three Piano Concerti - Gary

Graffmann, pianist - Concerto No. 1 in B-flat minor, Op. 23 - Cleveland Orchestra/George Szell; Concerto No. 2 in G, Op. 44 - Concerto No. 3 in E-flat, Op. 75 - Philadelphia Orchestra/Eugene Ormandy - The keyboard genius of Gary Graffman is showcased in this collection of the three Tchaikovsky piano concerti, derived from Columbia recordings from the mid-60s. The 1st concerto is given a definitive reading, with razor-sharp detailed accompaniment offered by the Cleveland Orchestra with George . The two seldom performed 2nd and 3rd concerti are sympathetically accompanied by the Philadelphia Orchestra conducted by Eugene Ormandy. Two near-mint Columbia late pressing LPs were used for this 2-CD set, offered at a special price.



KHCD-2011-057 (STEREO) - Schubert: Incidental Music to "Rosamunde" (Lucia Popp,

soprano); Symphony No. 5 in B-flat - Orchestra of Naples/Denis Vaughan - Selections from Schubert's sublime incidental music to the otherwise absurd play "Rosamunde" is featured on this reissue, played to perfection by the Orchestra of Naples, led by its founder Denis Stevens. Lucia Popp, the highly-regarded Slovak lyric soprano, performs the Romanze. (see MP3 sample). The youthful, sunny 5th Symphony is given the same treatment; both previously recorded by RCA in the warm acoustics of the Palazzo Reale in Naples.

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KHCD-2011-058 (STEREO) - Schubert: Symphony No. 6 in C "Little"; Symphony No. 8 in b minor "Unfinished" with the Scherzo completed by Denis Vaughan - Orchestra of Naples/Denis Vaughan - Second installment

of the Schubert Symphonies with the Orchestra of Naples conducted by Denis Vaughan. The "Unfinished" Symphony includes the Scherzo as completed by the conductor, using the nine bars completed by Schubert and the fragments following as a template. The MP3 sample includes a portion of the Scherzo. A delightful, well-played cycle that had been left out of reissues, until now.



KHCD-2011-059 (STEREO) - Schubert: Symphony No. 9 in C "Great" - Orchestra of

Naples/Denis Vaughan - The "Great" C Major Symphony is the third installment in the late symphonies of Schubert as performed by the Orchestra of Naples, conducted by founder Denis Vaughan, This series, recorded by RCA in 1967/1968, has long been left out of reissue cycles. It was a well-performed set, recorded in the Palazzo Reale in Naples, a richly reverberant venue that serves Schubert's music well.



KHCD-2011-060 (STEREO) - Schubert: Symphony No. 2 in B-flat - Beethoven: Orchestral Excerpts from the ballet "Prometheus", Op. 43 - Boston Symphony Orchestra/Charles Munch - Charles Munch and the Boston Symphony had previously recorded the Schubert 2nd Symphony in November 1949. RCA then began rerecording repertory with the advent of stereo, producing the LP that contained both Schubert's 2nd, and excerpts from Beethoven's "Prometheus" ballet music in 1960. Munch's traversal of Schubert's youthful symphony is big-boned but detailed. The "Prometheus" excerpts glow with Munch's special genius in interpreting Beethoven. Robustly recorded by RCA in 1962, transcribed from a "shaded dog" label Living Stereo disc.

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KHCD-2011-061 (MONO) - Rimsky-Korsakov: Scheherazade, Op. 35; Respighi: Pines of

Rome - Vienna State Opera Orchestra/Argeo Quadri - Argeo Quadri (1911-2004) was for most of his career an opera "house" conductor and his career was Europe centered and based out of Vienna. His discography is small but certainly vital, consisting of a handful of orchestral issues, full length operas and recital accompaniment albums. Rimsky Korsakov's masterpiece Scheherazade, is truly outstanding, brilliantly interpreted and played . In Quadri's hands, the work comes alive and one can sense that the Viennese musicians are playing on the edge of their seats. The recording is coupled with a magnificent "Pines of Rome". Both pieces were well-recorded in Westminster's "Natural Balance" mono in 1953, and restored very nicely from excellent source LPs. This CD was produced by customer request, a service offered by Klassic Haus (see "Requests" tab on page header).



KHCD-ST005 - Newman: The Robe (1953) - Soundtrack to the 20th Century Fox

Cinemascope Production - *The Robe* is a 1953 American Biblical epic film that tells the story of a Roman military tribune who commands the unit that crucifies Jesus. The film was made by 20th Century Fox and is notable for being the first film released in the widescreen process <u>CinemaScope</u>. The music was composed by distinguished film composer Alfred Newman. When the original soundtrack album was issued on LP by Decca Records, it used a remix for only monaural sound rather than the stereo sound that was originally recorded. MCA, which acquired the rights to the American Decca recordings, issued an electronic stereo version of the mono tape in the mid-60s. This transcription is from a second-generation rainbow-bar label Decca (US) LP in mint condition. I have remixed the sound to the original mono, which eliminated the ringing caused by the electronic separation and the echo plates used to create reverb. The results are true to the original movie sound source (which subsequently have been reported as deteriorated beyond restoring).



KHCD-2011-062 (MONO) - Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 4 in f minor, Op. 36 - "1812"

Overture'', Op. 49 - Rimsky-Korsakov: Russian Easter Overture - Vienna State Opera Orchestra/London Symphony Orchestra/Hermann Scherchen - Hermann Scherchen's volatile 1952 traversal of Tchaikovsky's 4th Symphony, conducting the Vienna State Opera Orchestra, is featured in this release. He leads the London Symphony Orchestra in an exciting (and cannon-less) *1812 Overture* and nicely detailed Rimsky-Korsakov's *Russian Easter Overture*, recorded in 1953. Scherchen approaches each work with a uniquely fresh and bold interpretation, certainly not a standard run-through of orchestral chestnuts. All recordings were transcribed from very good condition Westminster LPs, the Tchaikovsky 4th from a red label WL-series early pressing, the LSO performances from a Westminster Laboratory series LP. Comments for CDs on Klassic Haus website - 4th Series 2011



KHCD-2011-063(MONO) - Ralph Vaughan Williams: Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis -Fantasia on "Greensleeves" - Norfolk Rhapsody - Folksong Suite - Philharmonic Promenade Orchestra of London/Sir Adrian Boult - Sir Adrian Boult's early 1950s Vaughan Williams recordings from Westminster and Decca/London revealed more insightful, even more careful approach than his later EMI recordings of the 60s. This collection, derived from a near-mint Westminster red label LP, is well-paced, detailed, and tempi are carefully judged. Very satisfying performances in good mono sound.



KHCD-2011-064 (STEREO) - Beethoven: Symphony No. 2 in D, Op. 36; Symphony No. 4 in B-

flat, Op. 60 - Czech Philharmonic Orchestra/Janos Ferenscik - Well-respected Hungarian conductor Janos Ferenscik recorded several Beethoven symphonies and overtures with the Czech Philharmonic in the early 60s. These two symphonies were taped in 1961 in the reverberant Rudolfinium concert hall. Ferenscik offers sunny, well paced interpretations, with the unique timbre of the CPO burnishing the preceedings. This transcription was derived from a Supraphon LP (the 2nd) and a Parliament LP (the 4th), both in excellent condition.



KHCD-2011-065 (MONO) - Beethoven: Symphony No. 5 in c minor, Op. 67; Egmont Overture, Op. 84; Coriolan Overture, Op. 62; Leonore Overture No. 3, Op. 72a - Minneapolis Symphony Orchestra/Antal Dorati - Music making at its most elemental, engaging and focused. Antal Dorati the orchestra builder guides the MSO through some of the most exciting traversals of Beethoven ever recorded. Mercury's heralded single-mike mono sonics captured an event that seldom is heard anymore; musicians playing with heart and soul, digging into the music and revealing new insight. This reissue revives a recording that is a gem in the Dorati recorded legacy.



KHCD-2011-066 (STEREO) - Mozart: Symphony No. 36 in C, K. 425 "Linz"; Symphony No. 38 in D, K. 504 "Prague" - Concertgebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam/Eugen Jochum - Mozart was very dear to Eugen Jochum; in his recorded legacy, 91 seperate recordings of various Mozart works, studio and live, are listed. These symphonies were recorded in 1961, and released on the then newly-formed Philips USA label (mastered and released by Mercury) in 1964, part of the first series of releases of Philips (Europe) recordings. These performances are lively, punctuated, crisp, and brim with humanity. and set new standards of Mozart performance. A near-mint Philips (USA) LP was used for this transcription; this was a customer request, a service offered by Klassic Haus (see "Request" tab).

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KHCD-2011-067 (STEREO) - Mozart: Symphony No. 35 in D, K. 385 "Haffner";

SymphonyNo. 41 in C, K. 551 "Jupiter" - Concergebouw Orchestra, Amsterdam/Eugen Jochum - Second release on Mozart symphonies as conducted by Eugen Jochum, this recorded in 1960 and first released domestcally on the newly-formed Philips (USA) label in 1964. Comments apply for this disc as made for KHCD-2011-066 (Mozart Symphonies No. 36/38). Produced by customer request.



KHCD-2011-068 (MONO) - Alexander Young Vocal Recital - Quilter: Song Cycle: To Julia; Seven Elizabethan Lyrics; Three Songs by P. B. Shelley - Gordon Watson, piano; Constant Lambert: Eight Songs by Li-Po -Argo Chamber Ensemble conducted by Charles Groves; Wordsworth: Three Wordsworth Songs, Op. 45; Four Lyrics, Op. 17 - Allegri String Quartet - This disc, derived from 3 LPs, featured 20th century English vocal music as performed by tenor Alexander Young. Each composers' set is performed with consummate skill and sensitivity. The rather indifferent recordings Argo made in the early 50s from which the Quilter and Lambert performances were taken have been given a bit of ambience, allowing the performances to bloom. The Wordsworth needed less help in that respect. All recordings sound refreshed, and are worthy of reissue. The LPs were graciously provided by Walter Wells from his personal collection.



KHCD-2011-069-2CD (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Cantata BWV 32 "Liebster Jesu, mein

Verlangen'' (Bazia Rechitzka, soprano; Dieter Wolf, bass); Cantata BWV 79 ''Gott, der Herr, ist Sonn und Schild'' (Ingeborg Reichelt, soprano; Annelotte Sieber-Ludwig, alto; Jakob Staemfli, bass); Cantata BWV 86 ''Ich habe genug'' (Jakob Staemfli, bass); Cantata BWV 159 ''Sehet, wir geh'n hinauf'' (Ingeborg Reichelt, soprano; Annelotte Sieber-Ludwig, alto; Jakob Staemfli, bass) - Laubach Choir - Chamber Orchestra of the Saar/Karl Ristenpart - Continuing with reissues of recording made with the Chamber Orchestra of the Saar with its founder Karl Ristenpart conducting, is this set of four Bach Cantatas, recorded originally in 1958 by Club Français du Disque and released domestically on the Music Guild label (an imprint of Westminster)l in 1965. Reverent, stylish performances with top-notch soloist and the youthful Laubach Choir. Trivia note - the LP of Cantatas 32 & 79 was given 3 stars (very good sales potential listing) in the September 11th, 1965 edition of Billboard Magazine (USA). The LPs were graciously donated by Walter Wells from his personal collection.

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KHCD-2011-070 (STEREO) - Rossini/Respighi: La Boutique Fantasque; Respighi: Rossiniana

- Royal Philharmonic Orchestra/Antal Dorati - Lively, very detailed performances elicted from Antal Dorati's direction, with terrific sonics courtesy of Decca's Phase 4 recording technique. This transcription is from a Decca Jubilee reissue; the LP had very quiet surfaces, so little was needed to restore these wonderful recordings to circulation. Produced by customer request.



KHCD-2011-071 (STEREO) - Healy Willan: Symphony No. 2 in c minor (1948) - Toronto Symphony Orchestra/Karel Ancerl; Holst: Japanese Suite - London Symphony Orchestra/Sir Adrian Boult; Bliss: Mêlée Fantasque - London Symphony Orchestra/Sir Arthur Bliss; Music for Children - London Philharmonic Orchestra/Sir **William Walton -** Primarily know as a composer of choral, vocal, and organ music, Healy Willan also wrote in larger forms, including an opera, a piano concerto and two symphonies. The 2nd Symphony is dedicated to Ettore Mazzoleni, who conducted the first performance in 1950. It eschews the ascerbic, biting soundscapes of contemporaries Schoenberg and Bartok, rather leaning toward the romantic, with free flowing themes with echoes of Tchaikovsky, Elgar and early Vaughan Williams. The rest of this release features recordings originally found on the Lyrita label, issued under license on a Musical Heritage Society LP. Lesser known works of Holst, Bliss and Walton are given definitive performances, two of which are conducted by the composers.



KHCD-2011-072 (STEREO) - Wagner: Orchestral Selections from "Der Ring Des

Nibelungen" - National Symphony Orchestra, Washington D. C./Antal Dorati - Dorati conducted the National Symphony from 1970 to 1977, and, always the orchestra builder, brought its performance standards up to higher levels of excellence. During his tenure in DC, Decca/London recorded and released several LPs, most of which have lapsed into obscurity. This Wagner collection is a fine example of the capabilities of the NSO during this period of rebirth, coupled with outstanding sonics by the Decca team recording in Constitution Hall. Demonstration quality, restored from a near mint Decca LP.



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KHCD-2011-073 (MONO) - Marches in Mono - Marches by John Phillip Sousa, F.W. Meacham, E. F. Goldman, Earl E. McCoy, Karl L. King, J. Alford, John N. Klohr, Henry Fillmore, Harry L. Alford, F. E. Bigelow, and E. E. Bagley - Eastman Symphonic Wind Ensemble/Frederick Fennell - The spectacular mono engineering of the Mercury recording team in the early 50s truly shone in the series transcribing the then-new Eastman Wind Ensemble with its founder Frederick Fennell conducting. This CD, derived from two Mercury LPs recorded in 1953, features a selection of Sousa's legendary marches, as well as a generous sample of the American band music masters art from the early 20th century. Truly marvelous playing, terrific sound, and a program to get you up on your feet and march along!



KHCD-2011-074 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Ballet Music from Operas: Selections from "Eugen Onegin", "The Maid of Orleans", "The Oprichnik", "The Sorceress", and "Tcherevitchki" - Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden/Colin Davis - A fine, well-recorded collection of some lesser-known orchestral selections from Tchaikovsky's operas, transcribed from a mint Philips LP. Magnificent playing by the Orchestra of the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden, sensitively conducted by Colin Davis.



KHCD-2011-075 (STEREO) - Russian Orchestral Masterpieces played by French Orchestras -Glinka: Ruslan and Lumilla Overture; Liadov: Fragment de l'Apocalypse Op. 66; Tchaikovsky Francesca da Rimini Op. 32 ; Borodin In the Steppes of Central Asia - Igor Markevitch/Lamoureux Orchestra; Rimsky-Korsakov: Capriccio espagnol -Andre Vandernoot/L' Orchestre De La Societe Des Concerts Du Conservatoire; Tchaikovsky: Capriccio Italien - Pierre Dervaux/L' Orchestre Des Concerts Colonne - Three French orchestras are featured in this overview of well-know works by 19th century Russian masters. Igor Markevitch's white-hot interpretation of Tchaikovsky's "Francesca da Rimini" from a1959 DGG recording clearly trounces his later 1967 version with the New Philharmonia. The other Markevitch-led selections receive admirable performances by the Lamoureux Orchestra. The Rimsky-Korsakov Capriccio Espagnol and the Tchaikovsky Capriccio Italien were transcribed from a Command gold-label disc recorded in 1961, in wide-range 35mm-tape sonics. A great demo disc.

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KHCD-ST006 (STEREO) - Holocaust - Soundtrack to the NBC-TV Production (1978) -

National Philharmonic Orchestra/Morton Gould - Morton Gould arranged musical cues from the four-part, nine-and-a-half hour movie into an extended suite, following the story-line sequence of the production. Music that is at once chilling, tender, and ultimately triumphant, this CD restores an important soundtrack to circulation. A must-have for Morton Gould admirers and followers of his art.



KHCD-2011-076-2CD (STEREO) - The Artistry of Rudolf Kempe - Music by Heuberger, Humperdinck, Lehár, Mendelssohn, Resnicek, Suppé, and the Strauss Family - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra/Vienna

Philharmonic Orchestra/Rudolf Kempe - Rudolf Kempe (1910-1976) Principal Conductor to some of the leading orchestras and opera houses in Europe, was one of the last representatives of the great German conducting tradition of the 19th and 20th centuries. Throughout the world he was highly regarded for his baton technique which in its brilliance and clarity was second to none; for the authenticity of his interpretations of an uncommonly wide repertoire in both opera and concert; for his qualities as an educator and guiding spirit of orchestras; and for his integrity as a musician and as a man. This collection is a brief glimpse into the extraordinary talent of Kempe, featuring music of Romantic masters and of members of the Strauss family, in EMI/Angel recordings from the late 50s and early 60s.



KHCD-2011-077 (STEREO) - Brahms: Symphony No. 3 in F, Op. 90; Variations on a Theme

of Haydn, Op. 56a - L' Orchestre de la Suisse Romande/Ernest Ansermet - Ansermet recorded the Classical and Romantic repertoire late in his career, much to the surprise of some critics. His interpretations of Brahms' symphonies fit perhaps between Klemperer's dry-eyed approach, and Walter's firmly Romantic view. He eschews broad gestures, and cut right to the heart of the matter, and leaves one satisfied that all has been touched upon correctly. The 3rd Symphony receives a stellar performance, along with a well-paced Haydn Variations. Ansermet's Brahms is due a reassessment, and this disc provides ample rewards.

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KHCD-2011-078 (STEREO) - Korngold: Concerto in D for Violin and Orchestra, Op. 35 (Ulf

Hoelscher, violin); Suite from the Incidental Music to Shakespeare's "Much Ado About Nothing", Op. 11; Theme and Variations, Op. 42 - Willy Mattes/Stuttgart Radio Orchestra - Three brilliant pieces covering Korngold's non-movie-related orchestral pieces, highlighted by the 1947 Violin Concerto. He does borrow from his movie scores in the Concerto, however, but what wonderful music he borrows! Four movies provide themes throughout the Concerto (1st movement borrows from "Another Dawn" and Juarez"; 2nd movement from "Anthony Adverse"; 3rd movement from "The Prince and The Pauper"). The incidental music from "Much Ado About Nothing" is from 1918, while Korngold still resided in Germany. The 1955 "Theme and Variations" was written as a challenge, to provide a work suitable for the limited personnel and skills of school orchestras. Transcribed from an EMI/Angel LP, recorded in collaboration with Süddeutscher Rundfunk, Stuttgart.



KHCD-2011-079-2CD (STEREO) - Rózsa conducts Rózsa - Overture to a Symphony Concert, Op. 26/a; Three Hungarian Sketches, Op. 14; Notturna Ungherese, Op. 26; Theme, Variations and Finale, Op. 13; Concerto for String Orchestra, Op. 17; Kaleidoscope, Op. 19a (Six Short Pieces for Small Orchestra); Variations on a Hungarian Peasant Song, for violin and orchestra, Op. 4 (with Denes Zsigmondy, violin) - RCA Italiana Orchestra/Vienna State Opera Orchestra/Miklos Rózsa -

Although recognized primarily as a film composer, Rózsa wrote extensively for the concert stage throughout his career. This collection is an overview of some of his most recognized concert pieces, recorded by RCA and Westminster, and conducted by the composer. Rare LPs in mint condition were used for this CD set.



KHCD-2011-080 (STEREO) - Fennell conducts Cole Porter - Frederick Fennell and Orchestra

/Fennell conducts Broadway Marches Frederick Fennell/Eastman --Rochester Orchestra Winds, Brass, and Percussion -Mercury records utilized the 35mm film recording technique in both classical and orchestral pop sessions from 1959 on through the 60s, just as Command, and Everest. The "Perfect Presence Sound" series featured orchestral pop arrangements produced by Fine Recording, and recorded in their converted ballroom at Bayside Studios on Long Island, New York. They utilized up to 18 miics (unlike the minimilist 3-mic technique used in their classical series). The packaging was a laminated gatefold cover, and the LPs were pressed by RCA. The Cole Porter selections were arranged by Ray Wright for the first half of this disc. The Broadway Marches selections were recorded by Mercury's classical unit, with arrangements by John Krantz (a former member of the Eastman Wind Ensemble, coincidentally). Members of the Eastman-Rochester Orchestra were used for the sessions, recorded in the Eastman Theater. Comments for CDs on Klassic Haus website - 5th Series 2011



KHCD-2011-081-2CD (STEREO) - The Artistry of Maurice André - Trumpet Concerti by Haydn, Hummel, Vivaldi Telemann, Albinoni & Torelli - Jean-François Chamber Orchestra/Lamoureux Orchestra/Die Weiner Solisten; Music for Trumpet and Organ - Selections by Bach, Gervaise, Viviani & Torelli - Marie-Claire Alain, organ -The quintessential classical virtuoso trumpeter, he rose to international prominence in the 1960s and 1970s with a large series of recordings of Baroque works on piccolo trumpet for Erato and other labels. Not content to limit himself to the standard Baroque trumpet repertoire, he also performed many transcriptions of works for oboe, flute, and even voice and string instruments. These recordings were (and remain) very popular, and were a strong component of the rebirth of interest in Baroque music in the 1960s. Fellow trumpeters and music lovers the world over have praised André for his clear, bright, ringing tone on the piccolo trumpet. His flawless and graceful performances have inspired many brass musicians, young and old. He has over 300 audio recordings to his name, from the mid 1950s to the present. This collection is derived from an RCA set licensed by Erato, and an original Erato LP, with recordings dating from the mid-60s to 1972. A delightful set, with much to enjoy from André's extraordinary talent.



KHCD-2011-082 (STEREO) - Beethoven: Missa Solemnis in D, Op. 123 - Leonore Kirchstein, soprano; Jeanne Deroubaix, alto; Peter Schreier, tenor; Günter Morbach, bass; Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra and Chorus/Gunter Wand - Beethoven's personal blending of dogma and drama in his *Missa Solemnis* resulted in an outpouring of human emotion, a towering masterpiece from a composer often accused of lacking the gift of writing for the human voice. Gunter Wand leads a stellar performance of this profound work, recorded originally by Club Français du Disque, and licensed to Nonesuch. A near-mint 2-LP set was used for this transcription.



KHCD-2011-083-3CD (STEREO) - J. S. Bach: Orgelbüchlein, BWV 599-644 - Organ Choral

Preludes for the Church Year, Cantata Chorales, and other Chorale settings - Chorus of the Gedächtniskirche, Stuttgart -Helmuth Rilling, organist and conductor - Bach's original intention for the *Orgelbüchlein* was to compose 164 preludes on the 161 chorale melodies he listed on the 92 introductory pages of the manuscript (three titles are entered twice). He got around to finishing only 46, but managed to hit the high spots of the church year, coming close to achieving his purpose, if only at a smaller scale. The finely etched miniatures of the *Orgelbüchlein* chorales in this recording are paired with choral settings by Bach and others to demonstrate the relationship of the organ pieces to their models in the Lutheran liturgy. Reverently performed by the Chorus of the Gedächtniskirche, Stuttgart, and led by Bach expert Helmuth Rilling, this 3-CD set is derived from a 4-LP Nonesuch set, originally recorded by Barenreiter.



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KHCD-2011-084 (MONO) - An Album of Military Band Music - Music by Sousa; Holst: First Suite for Military Band, Op. 28; Rosse: The Merchant of Venice; Ansell: Three Irish Pictures; Wood: Three Dale Dances -Band of the Grenadier Guards - The regiment of the Grenadier Guards was founded by King Charles II in 1656 as "The Royal Regiment of Guards". They have always been regarded as the most loyal, valiant and professional of soldiers. Not the least of their distinctions, however, is their fine tradition of martial music. Familiar marches by Sousa, as well as Holst's First Suite for Military

distinctions, however, is their fine tradition of martial music. Familiar marches by Sousa, as well as Holst's First Suite for Military Band and less well-known pieces by Rosse, Ansell and Wood are featured, with the precise playing and unique timbre of the Band of the Grenadier Guards. Recorded with Decca/London's *ffrr* technique, this is a terrific introduction to the British military band sound, so different from the sometimes "aggressive" American wind band sound many of us know.



KHCD-ST007 (MONO) - Eleven Against The Ice - Soundtrack from the 1957 NBC-TV Special

- Music by Kenyon Hopkins - "Eleven Against the Ice" was an NBC-TV Color Special documentary broadcast in September 1957. The show followed 11 men who trailed the 640 mile safe route across the Antarctic to build the original Byrd Station. Operation Deep Freeze was an annual mission from 1956 to 1969 for geophysical scientists and topographic personnel of the National Science Foundation in Antarctica in remote areas of the South Pole. The soundtrack for the show was scored by Kenyon Hopkins (1912-1983) and released as a mono LP on RCA LPM-1618 in 1958. Some of the score is variations on a song, "Ballad of the Cowboy-Sailor" with lyrics by Robert Emmett Ginna (sung by Jimmy Simmons). Kenyon Hopkins remains one of the most unrepresented score composers on CD, and his mostly jazz influenced scores remain prized collectibles. An excellent-condition LP was used for this transcription, and was produced by customer request.



KHCD-ST008 (STEREO) - The Hustler - Soundtrack from the 1961 Movie - Music by Kenyon

Hopkins - Kenyon Hopkins, formerly an arranger for Paul Whiteman, became prominent as a film composer best known for writing music for Tennessee Williams films that did not become classics. Probably the most memorable aspects of films such as *This Property Is Condemned, The Fugitive Kind*, and *Baby Doll* were Hopkin's scores. There were a few acknowledged classics that featured his music, and director Robert Rossen's 1961 film *The Hustler* is one such classic. This film's music is in what would be later dubbed the "Crime Jazz" style, fitting the noir elements of the story. The english horn, oboe and flute are prominent instruments throughout the score, underscoring the more calm moments of the story, along with the usual jazz instrumentation. A top-flight roster of musicians sit in on the sessions, including trumpeters Joe Wilder and Doc Severinson, trombonist Jimmy Cleveland, reedmen Phil Woods and Jerome Richardson, with pianists Hank Jones and Bernie Leighton. This reissue is transcribed from a near-mint Kapp LP, and was produced by customer request.



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KHCD-ST009 (STEREO) - East Side-West Side - Soundtrack from the 1963 CBS-TV

Production - Music composed and conducted by Kenyon Hopkins - This dramatic series featured stories about child abuse, drug abuse, rip-offs of the welfare system, crime; all of the problems of the inner city. The series centered on George C. Scott in the role of Neil Brock, a New York City social worker who worked for the private agency Community Welfare Service, with his secretary, Jane Foster, played by African-American actress Cicely Tyson. The series aired for only one season, despite the high quality of both the writing and acting, because of the show's penchant for taking on touchy topics forcing many potential advertisers to avoid sponsorship of the show. The music fit the mood and scenes of the show admirably, as composed by Kenyon Hopkins. The CD is derived from a clean Columbia stereo LP, and this reissue brings the exciting, biting score back to life.



KHCD-ST010 (MONO) - The Yellow Canary - Music from the Soundtrack of the 1963 20th

Century Fox Movie Production - Music composed and conducted by Kenyon Hopkins - Soundtrack from the 1963 thriller starring Pat Boone as a nightclub singer whose child is kidnapped (Boone's performance surprised many a moviegoer with his

focused intensity) and Barbara Eden as his wife. Kenyon Hopkins' score fits the searing mood of the film plot, with a world-class collection of session players on the recording: Clark Terry, trumpet; Billy Byers, Dick Lieb, Jimmy Cleveland, trombones; Zoot Sims, tenor sax; Romeo Penque, Jerome Richardson on reeds; Bill Costa on vibes; Lalo Schifrin, piano; Kenny Burrell, guitar; Milt Hinton, bass; and Ed Shaughnessy on drums. This CD is a transcription of a mono Verve LP; if I happen across a stereo copy, I will remaster this disc. In the mean time, this wonderful soundtrack rarity is brought back into circulation.



KHCD-ST011 (MONO) - The Strange One - Music from the Soundtrack of the 1957

Columbia Pictures Movie Production - Music composed and conducted by Kenyon Hopkins - The film, based on the story "End as a Man" by Calder Willingham, is about the strange power that a cadet has over underclassmen at a Southern military academy. This film marked the debuts of Ben Gazzara (the star of the film) and George Peppard. Kenyon Hopkin's score blends jazz with some (then) emerging rock and rockabilly styles with a searing touch, befitting the film's unsettling storyline. The mono Coral LP used for this transcription was in fair condition, but the end result, after some careful restoration, is very satisfying. Click on the thumbnail for an MP3 sample. A welcome reissue.

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KHCD-2011-085 (STEREO) - Psalm Settings by Mendelssohn & Vivaldi - Mendelssohn Psalm 42 - Wie der Hirsch schreit, Op. 42; Psalm 95 - Kommt, lasst uns anbeten, Op. 46; Vivaldi: Psalm 109: Dixit Dominus, RV 594 - Symphonic Chorus and Orchestra of the Gulbenkian Foundation of Lisbon - Michel Corboz, conductor - The Mendelssohn psalm settings are the fruit of a particularly happy and productive period in his life, the years 1837-8. Mendelssohn had married in March 1837, and during his wedding journey through the Rhineland and the Black Forest, he composed the Psalm 42 setting, dedicated to his wife, Cécile. The favorable reception of the first performances of this work led him to compose a second setting, Psalm 95, for tenor soloist, chorus anf orchestra. Both are sweetly performed by the Gulbenkian Foundation Chorus and Orchestra, from a near-mint Erato LP. The Vivaldi Psalm 109, Dixit Dominus, is composed for two choruses and two orchestras, and strikes a balance and unity in spite of the varying keys, tempi, and instrumentation found in the ten-movement work. The Gulbenkian Foundation forces join again to perform this monumental setting, transcribed from a Musical Heritage Society 2-LP set, licensed by Erato.



KHCD-2011-086 (STEREO) - Maurice Duruflé: Requiem, for Soloists, Chorus and

Orchestra, Op. 9 - Hélène Bouvier, mezzo-soprano; Xavier Depraz, bass; Phillipe Caillard Chorale; Stéphane Caillat Chorale;; Marie-Madeleine Duruflé-Chevalier, organ; Lamoureux Orchestra - conducted by Maurice Duruflé; Francis Poulenc - Mass in G (1937); Motet: Hodie Christus natus est; Motet: Quem vidistis pastores - The Festival Singers of Toronto conducted by Elmer Iseler - Duruflé's Requiem is one of the few settings that gently accompanies a loved one to the threshold of eternal rest, without bombast or threat of eternal damnation. Much as Fauré in his own Requiem, Duruflé uses the heritage of Gregorian plain-song, preserving its color and line. This recording, made in November 1958, has the authority of the composer himself conducting. A mint Erato LP was used in transcription.

The Poulenc works reflect that composer's humanistic, vernacular settings of religious texts. The Mass is like no other setting; some of it, such as the Gloria and the two Hosannas, seem more suited for brass and timpani than voices, but the effect proves very well judged. The Motets reflect the same style of the Mass in miniature, perhaps with a bit more lyricism. The Poulenc works are deftly performed by the Toronto Festival Singers, led by its founder, Elmer Iseler, from an early pressing Seraphim LP.



KHCD-2011-087 (STEREO) - Brass - Music by Melchior Franck, Heinrich Scheidemann, Heinrich Schütz, Thomas Stolzer, Pierre Attaingnait, John Adson, Giovanni Gabrieli, Andrea Gabrieli, Adriano Banchieri -Brass Ensemble conducted by Gabriel Masson; Festive Baroque Wind Music - Music by Johann Heinrich Schmelzer, Johann Schultz, Melchior Franck, Valentin Hausmann, Daniel Speer, Samuel Scheidt, Johann Hermann Schein, Valentin Hausmann, Andreas Berger, Johann Georg Christian Störl, & Anonymous - Ensemble Musica Antiqua conducted by René Clemencic - A rousing, festive collection of music for brass and winds. The Renaissance brass collection, derived from an early pressing Nonesuch LP licensed by Club Français Du Disque, features a typically bright, biting French ensemble, perfect for the music at hand. The Baroque pieces receive scholarly but still lively performances transcribed from a silver label Archiv LP published in 1966. A wonderful selection of music to brighten a dull day.

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KHCD-2011-088-2CD (STEREO) - Richard Strauss; Also Sprach Zarathustra - Royal

Philharmonic Orchestra/Henry Lewis; Richard Strauss; Death and Transfiguration, Op. 24; Peter Tchaikovsky: Francesca da Rimini, Op. 32 - Lorin Maazel/New Philharmonia Orchestra - Two London Phase 4 LPs were used to create this special-priced 2 CD set. Henry Lewis' recording with the Royal Philhamonic of Strauss' Also Sprach Zarathustra received good reviews when it was

released in 1968, but after the Phase 4 series was completed, never was re-released on CD (from what research I have done); this is the first CD issue of this sympathetically-played taping. Lorin Maazel's performances of Strauss' Death and Tranfiguration and Tchaikovsky's Francesca also receive well -balanced performances, with some subtle highlighting of solos and instrumental groupings, typical of the Phase 4 technique, but not glaringly so as in earlier Phase 4 recordings. Sonic blockbusters, ably performed, spectacularly recorded.



KHCD-2011-089 (STEREO) - French Orchestral Favorites: La Marseillaise, arr. Berlioz for Chorus, Soloists and Orchestra; Chabrier: España; Debussy: Prélude à l'après-midi d'un faune; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice; Saint-Saëns: Danse Macabre; Lalo: Scherzo - Orchestre de Paris/Jean-Pierre Jacquillat - The Orchestre de Paris held its first concert on November14, 1967 in the Théâtre des Champs-Elysées, with Charles Munch, its Artistic Director, conducting. Within a short period it began recording for EMI, releasing 3 albums in 1968. This set was the second in the Angel series, featuring the conducting assistant to Charles Munch, Jean-Pierre Jacquillat. La Marseillaise is the big piece here, with the Berlioz setting for chorus, soloists and orchestra. The other well-know works are performed idomatically and with much charm, from a near-mint redspine, blue label domestic Angel LP.



KHCD-2011-090-2CD (STEREO) - Early Decca Stereo Recordings of Georg Solti: Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 5 in e minor, Op. 64 - Paris Conservatory Orchestra (1956 recording); Rossini-Respighi: La Boutique fantasque; Dukas: The Sorcerer's Apprentice - Israel Philharmonic Orchestra (1957 recording) - conducted by Georg Solti - An interesting compilation of works conducted by George Solti, recorded at the dawn of stereo by Decca in 1956-57, The Tchaikovsky 5th is played better than one would suspect, given the wayward temperament of the Paris Conservatory Orchestra. Solti belays any nonsense, bringing forth a recording that is suitably straightforward, with moments of great beauty. The Tchaikovsky is transcribed a blue-back sleeve, semi-matte finish red with silver print label CS-series London LP. The Rossini-Respighi La Boutique fantasque recording is one of the best ever made (from 1957), and shines once again in this transcription, derived from an early orange full-size label Stereo Treasury Series LP. The Dukas is played with the correct amount of tongue-in-cheek, without any showy displays, serving the music well, as well as does Decca's marvelous early stereo reproduction.

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CMAS-004 (STEREO) - Michael Praetorius: Polychoral Christmas Music - Four Concerti for Soloists,

Choruses & Instruments from Polyhymnia caduceatrix et panegyrica (1619) - Westphalian Choral Ensemble - Wilhelm Ehmann, conductor - Michael Praetorious was one of the first musicians outside Italy to become a partisan of the musical revolution launched there at the end of the 16th century. Although he never left Germany, he amassed as imposing knowledge of the most advanced trends, which he sought with boundless energy to transplant to his native soil. Praetorious' work as a composer reached its peak in 1619 the the publication of his Polyhymnia caduceatrix et panegyrica (roughly, "Polyhymnia [the muse of oratory and sacred poetry], herald and bearer of praise"). This collection of four selections from that publication was released on a Nonesuch LP under license by Cantate. A complete listing of performing personnel is included on the inside cover of the CD. Enjoyable listening for the Christmas season, and any other time during the year.



KHCD-2011-091 (STEREO) - Tchaikovsky: Concerto No. 1 in b-flat minor for Piano and Orchestra, Op. 23 - Ilana Vered, piano; Kazimierz Kord/London Symphony Orchestra; Stravinsky: Three Pieces from "Petrushka" - Ilana Vered, piano - Very detailed, yet passionate performance of Tchaikovsky's beloved Piano Concerto No. 1 with Ilana Vered accompanied by the London Symphony with Kazimierz Kord conducting. London/Decca's Phase 4 multi-mic technique is used discreetly throughout. Ilana Vered also plays selections from Stravinsky's "Petrushka", arranged originally by Stravinsky for Arthur Rubenstein. Wonderful performances long out of circulation, now made available.



KHCD-2011-092 (STEREO) - Bruckner: Requiem in d minor, WAB 39 (1849 - Edition: Haas/Orel) -Herrad Wehrung, soprano; Hildegard Laurich, alto; Friedreich Melzer, tenor;Günter Reich, bass; Laubacher Kantorei; Instrumental-Ensemble Werner Keltsch - Conducted by Hans Michael Beuerle - Psalm 146 in A, WAB 37 (ca. 1856 - Fair copy in Bruckner's hand) -Ursula Wendt, soprano; Ingebord Russ, alto; Freider Stricker, tenor; Siegmund Nimsgern, bass; Hans Sachs-Chor; Lehrergesangverein Nürnberg (second chorus on Track 15; Wolfram Röhrig, rehearsal conductor); Nürnberg Symphoniker - Conducted by Wolfgang Riedelbauch - First CD Release - Landmark recordings of early Bruckner works. The Requiem was composed in memoriam to Franz Sailer, the notary of the St. Florian monastery. The Requiem was premiered on September 15, 1849, a year after Sailer's death. This performance of the Requiem, recorded by Cantate in 1972, was once briefly available on a Nonesuch LP in the early 70s. This transcription uses the superior pressing Cantate LP as its source. The Psalm 146 was a product of Bruckner's study with Simon Sechter, presumably around 1856. It exists as a yet unpublished manuscript, and the manuscript materials were used in the first modern performance in November 1971, and the subsequent recording made by Colosseum in 1973. A mint LP of that recording was used for this disc. Both of these recordings are being released for the first time on CD. I wish to thank John Proffitt for suggesting this project; and John F. Berky, of the Anton Bruckner Discography (www.abruckner.com) for the lending of the archival LPs used in producing this CD. The MP3 sample includes excerpts from the Requiem (Dies irae) and Psalm 146 (Final Chorus - Allelujah, lobet den Herrn).



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KHCD-2011-093 (STEREO) - Stravinsky: The Rite of Spring - USSR Symphony

Orchestra/Yevgeny Svetlanov; Schubert: Symphony No. 8 in b minor, D. 759 "Unfinished; Weber: Oberon Overture; Brahms, Tragic Overture, Op. 81 - USSR Symphony Orchestra/Paul Kletzki - Svetlanov's reading of Stravinsky's "Rite" is extraordinary in its power, grit, and lyricism, in a wide-range Melodiya/Angel recording. Kletzki's Schubert 8th is surprisingly well-behaved, the winds and brass reigning in the vibrato and the string body very smooth and refined; a winning interpretation. The Weber "Oberon" overture is very well done, and the Brahms "Tragic" Overture reminds one of Charles Munch's approach from the first emphatic chords; but Kletzki's trademark grip on tempi is felt throughout. A satisfying collection of Melodiya recordings from late 60s.



KHCD-2011-094 (STEREO) - J. S. Bach Four Great Organ Toccatas: Toccata and Fugue in d minor, S. 565; Toccata, Adagio, and Fugue in C, S. 564; Toccata and Fugue in d minor, S. 538 "Dorian"; Toccata and Fugue in E, S. 566 - Harry Grodberg plays on the Cavaillé-Coll Organ in the Great Hall of the Moscow Music Conservatory - Wellknow Toccatas from the Baroque master, played on the last opus of Cavaillé-Coll by Harry Grodberg. The straightforward approach to the music is refreshing; no Romantic give-and-take, rather presenting the music as it is on the page. Well recorded by Melodiya, circa 1970, and transcribed from a near-mint Melodiya/Angel late pressing LP.



KHCD-2011-095-2CD (STEREO) - The Artistry of Günter Wand - Mozart: Symphony No. 35 in D, "Haffner", K. 385; Symphony No. 38 in D, "Prague", K. 504; Schoenberg: Five Pieces for Orchestra, Op. 16; Webern: Cantata No. 1, Op. 29 (Anna Westhoff, soprano; Gürzenich Chorus) - Gürzenich Symphony Orchestra of Cologne; Stravinsky: Dumbarton Oaks Concerto in E-flat for Chamber Orchestra - Members of the Lamoureux Concerts Orchestra - **Günter Wand, conductor -** A collection of long out of print Nonesuch LPs, licensed by Club Français Du Disque, with whom Wand had a long and fruitful collaboration.

The Mozart performances are among the best to be heard, truly historic readings worth preserving. The

Schoenberg/Webern/Stravinsky disc is also a contender for best performances of these well-known, seminal 20th century masterpieces. Both discs were factory sealed; the Mozart a mid-run pressing from the late 60s, the 20th century pieces a later-press disc.



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KHCD-2011-096 (STEREO) - Anton Bruckner: Symphony No. 5 in B-flat - Cologne Radio Symphony Orchestra/Günter Wand - Günter Wand in his later years became a supreme advocate of Bruckner's symphonies, recording the cycle of 9 twice; the first time in the mid-70s with the Cologne Radio Symphony, arguably the better of the two cycles. His supreme grasp of the overall structure and flow of tempi in this symphony, perhaps the most problematic in the cycle, is evident throughout. The Cologne Radio Symphony responds wonderfully to Wand's demands. Derived from a mint Pro Arte 2-LP set, licensed by Harmonia Mundi.



KHCD-2011-097 (STEREO) - Alessandro Grandi: Music for San Marco, Venzia, San

Georgio, Ferrara & Santo Maria Maggiore, Bergamo - Accademia Monteverdiana/Denis Stevens - Alessandro Grandi (1586 – after June 1630, but in that year) was a northern Italian composer of the early Baroque era, writing in the new concertato style. He was probably born in Ferrara and spent the first part of his life there, likely studying with Giovanni Gabrieli at Venice, which was nearby. He was one of the most inventive, influential and popular composers of the time, probably second only to Monteverdi in northern Italy. His works were published throughout Italy, Germany and the Low Countries, and continued to be reprinted long after his death. He wrote motets, psalm settings, madrigals, as well as some of the earliest compositions to be called "cantata." This disc, from a 1970s Nonesuch LP licensed by Accadamia Monteverdiana, feature expert performances led by Monteverdi scholar Denis Stevens.



KHCD-2011-098 (STEREO) - Brahms: Symphony No. 1 in c minor, Op. 68 - William

Steinberg/Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra; Wagner: Prelude to Act III/Dance of the Apprentices/Entrance of the Meistersingers from "Die Meistersinger"; Prelude to "Die Meistersinger" - Eugene Ormandy/Philadelphia Orchestra - Last in the Steinberg/PSO Brahms Symphony cycle (*the others are KHCD-2010-022 Brahms Symphonies Nos. 3&4; KHCD-2011-028 Brahms Symphony No. 2 & Shostakovich Symphony No. 1*), finally released after a judicious remastering. I had first remastered the reel tape in 2009, but was not satisfied with the results, so I put the project aside until this year (2011). After spending some time relistening and readjusting, I was happy with the final remaster. It is a faithful reproduction of the reel tape. Steinberg's performances are to-the-point, well-recorded with a wide soundstage, and are most worthy of reissue. The Wagner selections with Ormandy and the Philadelphia Orchestra are breathtaking in beauty and grandeur. Most of Ormandy's Wagner recordings on Columbia have been ignored by the current copyright holders, which is a sad state of affairs. His interpretations are less fussy and much more beautiful than many currently in print. A wonderful release!

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KHCD-2011-099 (STEREO) - Americana - Leonard Bernstein: Overture to "Candide"; Elie

Siegmeister: Western Suite; Morton Gould: American Salute; Vaclav Nelhybel: Etude Symphonique - Utah Symphony Orchestra /Maurice Abravanel; Ferde Grofé: Grand Canyon Suite - Morton Gould and His Orchestra - Maurice Abravanel recorded extensively with his Utah Symphony Orchestra, and Vox/Turnabout produced many fine recordings of that ensemble during the 70s. This particular Turnabout LP was never released on CD (from what research I have done to date). It's a fine collection of familiar (Bernstein & Gould) and not so familiar (Siegmeister & Nelhybel) works by American composers, nicely recorded (no credit for production is listed, but more than likely it is the Elite Recordings team Marc Aubort and Joanna Nickrenz who produced the recording). The Grofé was a "sonic spectacular" recorded in 1960 by RCA, and some subtle gimmickery was used to highlight or color some passages , but in the end it served the music very well. The Turnabout LP used for this transcription was a late pressing, purple label disc; the Grofé was a Quintessence LP reissue of the RCA recording.



KHCD-2011-100 (STEREO) - Trumpet Concerti by Johann Wilhelm Hertel, Leopold Mozart

& Johann Nepomuk Hummel - Edward Tarr, trumpet; Helmut Hucke, oboe; Consortium Musicum/Fritz Lehan - With the exception of Joseph Haydn's Concerto for Trumpet from 1796, the musical literature for solo trumpet from the second half of the 18th century has been known until recently only to a handful of specialists. This disc features two relatively unknown concerti by Hertel and Leopold Mozart, as well as the more well-known Hummel concerto. The Hummel concerto is played in its proper, original key of E. Edward Tarr uses a Bb piccolo trumpet with 4 valves in the Hertel and Mozart; and an E trumpet in the Hummel. Stylistically correct performances, played with panache from a true scholarly trumpeter. Originally recorded by EMI-Electrola, issued domestically on a Nonesuch LP; a late pressing was

used for this transcription.



KHCD-ST012 (STEREO - Slaughter On Tenth Avenue - Soundtrack to the 1957 Universal-

International Motion Picture - Music by Richard Rodgers - Joseph Gershenson/Universal-International Orchestra - The book "The Man Who Rocked The Boat" by William J. Keating and Richard Carter was the basis of this movie, dubbed a "documentary" drama about New York City docks. The music by Richard Rodgers was taken from the 1936 ballet score of the same name (which is featured at the end of Rodgers and Hart's musical comedy On Your Toes) but has nothing to do plot-wise with the movie. The music adapted very well, though, to the film's "mayhem, mobsters and murder" theme. This transcription is from a near-mint (pre-MCA) Decca (US) black with silver print label LP; I've added a bit of "air" to the sound to compensate for the rather dry studio-bound acoustic.. The result is quite satisfying, and brings an important movie score back into circulation. Produced by customer request.