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**SHOSTAKOVICH**  
(1906-1975)

Playing  
Time  
62:14

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1-8	<b>The Bolt: Suite from the Ballet, Op. 27a</b>	<b>29:11</b>
9-16	<b>Jazz Suite No. 2 (Suite for Stage Variety Orchestra)</b>	<b>20:29</b>
17-19	<b>Jazz Suite No. 1</b>	<b>8:23</b>
20	<b>Tahiti Trot, Op. 16</b>	<b>4:10</b>

Although the symphonies, string quartets and concertos represent the core of his achievement, Shostakovich had wide sympathies across the musical spectrum: hence his oft-repeated comment that he enjoyed all music from Bach to Offenbach. All the works on this disc - which opens with a suite from the ballet *The Bolt* (the scenario of industrial espionage is a pretext for music drawing on circus-like farce) and concludes with his orchestration of *Tea for Two* - attest to a composer who entered into the spirit of 'light music' with enjoyment and enthusiasm. The so-called *Jazz Suite No.2* (sketches for the original *Jazz Suite No.2* have only recently been discovered) is in fact the *Suite for Stage Variety Orchestra*, drawn from various ballet, film and theatres scores, with saxophones and accordion to the fore. The *Second Waltz*, recently found popularity as the title music for Stanley Kubrick's last film, *Eyes Wide Shut*.

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