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SIBELIUS • SINDING: Violin Concertos

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Sibelius ranks as one of the most important and strikingly original symphonic composers of the twentieth century. His *Violin Concerto*, a wonderful synthesis of technical brilliance and poignant, deeply-felt melody, is one of the greatest concertos in the repertoire. It is coupled on this disc with the rarely recorded *Violin Concerto No. 1*, by Christian Sinding, widely remembered as the composer of *The Rustle of Spring*. Written within the German late Romantic tradition, the Concerto exudes cheerful ebullience and lyrical charm, a world away from the mysterious, haunting, desolate yet beautiful Scandinavia of Sibelius. The *Romance, Op. 100* here receives its world première recording.

Jean Sibelius (1865-1957):		
Violin Concerto in D minor, Op. 47		31:47
1	Allegro moderato	16:16
2	Adagio di molto	8:37
3	Allegro, ma non tanto	6:54
4	Serenade in G minor, Op. 69b: Lento assai	7:30
Christian Sinding (1856-1941):		
Violin Concerto No. 1 in A major, Op. 45		21:29
5	Allegro energico	6:11
6	Andante	6:39
7	Allegro giocoso	8:40
8	Romance in D major, Op. 100 *	10:22

Henning Kraggerud, Violin
Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra
Bjarte Engeset



* denotes world première recording

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(Ateneum Art Museum, Helsinki/Central Art Archives/Hannu Aaltonen)

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Henning Kraggerud performs on the Guarneri del Gesù 'Ole Bull' violin (1744),
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