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WILLIAM BOYCE: Eight Symphonies, Op. 2

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William Boyce was among the most important English composers of the late Baroque period, 25 years younger than Handel, whom he outlived by twenty years. Boyce's *Eight Symphonies* are the best known and most recorded of all his works. Adapted in the main from the instrumental movements of his numerous odes and theatrical works, the *Symphonies* combine the French overture and Italian sinfonia styles, displaying tuneful, engaging melodies and sprightly rhythms.

**William
BOYCE**
(1711-1779)

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1-3	Symphony No. 1 in B flat major	7:37
4-6	Symphony No. 2 in A major	5:53
7-9	Symphony No. 3 in C major	5:56
10-12	Symphony No. 4 in F major	7:25
13-15	Symphony No. 5 in D major	7:21
16-17	Symphony No. 6 in F major	7:34
18-20	Symphony No. 7 in B flat major	9:09
21-23	Symphony No. 8 in D minor	10:49

Aradia Ensemble • Kevin Mallon

Recorded at Grace Church on the Hill, Toronto, Canada, from 10th to 12th June, 2003

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