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This third release in the Naxos British Piano Concertos series brings together a fascinating collection of piano concertos by four very diverse composers written in the middle decades of the last century. The *First Piano Concerto* by Alec Rowley has a breezy, open-air freshness about it, with the occasional hint of Delius and Britten. The *Concertino for Piano and Strings* by Christian Darnton, the least known composer represented here, is couched in a spiky neo-classical idiom. Roberto Gerhard's glittering *Piano Concerto* combines serial techniques with elements drawn from Spanish folk music. Howard Ferguson's lyrical *Concerto for Piano and strings*, at the heart of which lies a melancholy theme with six variations, is classical in conception and scale.

Alec ROWLEY (1892-1958)		
Concerto in D major for Piano, Strings and Percussion, Op. 49 (Compl. 1938)		15:10
1	Allegro ritmico	4:26
2	Andante naif	3:12
3	Allegro alla Burlesco	7:32
Christian DARNTON (1905-1981)		
Concertino in C major for Piano and String Orchestra (1948)		16:35
4	Allegro molto moderato	6:15
5	Andante	5:50
6	Presto con disinvoltura	4:30
Roberto GERHARD (1896-1970)		
Concerto for Piano and Strings (1961)		22:17
7	Tiento: Allegro	6:11
8	Diferencias: Adagio	10:09
9	Folia: Molto mosso	5:57
Howard FERGUSON (1908-1999)		
Concerto for Piano and String Orchestra, Op. 12 (1951)		24:10
10	Allegro	10:34
11	Theme and Variations: (Mesto – L'istesso tempo – Più mosso – Allegro – Misterioso – Tempo 1 – Solenne)	6:55
12	Allegro gioviale	6:41

Peter Donohoe, Piano/Conductor • Northern Sinfonia

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