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GAUBERT: Complete Works for Flute • 2

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Philippe Gaubert was among the most prominent French musicians of the period between the two world wars. As a composer, he was not an innovator, but he assimilated many of the innovations of Franck, Ravel and Debussy. Volume 2 of his complete works for flute features his three genial sonatas. *No. 2*, with its pastoral style, long melodic lines and restrained dynamics, calls to mind the mature chamber works of Fauré. *Sonatas Nos. 1* and 3, while exhibiting the composer's traditional hallmarks of clarity of form, economy of means and warmth of expression, are characterised by a feeling of improvisational freedom and spontaneity that challenge the breath control and interpretative abilities of the player.

Philippe
GAUBERT
(1879 - 1941)

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	Sonata for flute and piano (1917)	15:32
1	Modéré (sans lenteur)	4:55
2	Lent	4:12
3	Allegro moderato	6:25
	Second Sonata (1924)	15:27
4	Pastorale: A l'aise, mais sans lenteur	5:49
5	Andante	5:17
6	Assez vif	4:22
	Third Sonata (1934)	12:39
7	Allegretto	4:33
8	Intermède pastoral: Très modéré	4:01
9	Final: Joyeux - Allegretto	4:05
	Sonatine Quasi Fantasia (1937)	11:59
10	Allegretto, très allant	5:00
11	Hommage à Schumann: Andante quasi adagio	6:59

Fenwick Smith, Flute • Sally Pinkas, Piano

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