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FRENCH FLUTE MUSIC

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Since the end of the seventeenth century French composers have shown a particular skill and deftness of touch in writing for the flute. The instrument owes much of its prominence in French music of the twentieth century to the use made of it in orchestral colouring by composers such as Debussy and Ravel, as well as to a group of highly gifted players associated in one way or another with the Paris Conservatoire. They include the soloist on this recording, Patrick Gallois, a pupil of Jean-Pierre Rampal. This collection of works composed during the last sixty years ranges from Poulenc's *Sonata*, marked by rhythmic vitality and a delicate vein of sentimentality, Messiaen's *Le merle noir*, inspired by bird song, to Boulez's *Sonatine*, which the composer himself has characterised as 'organised delirium'.

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Francis Poulenc (1899-1963):

Sonata for Flute and Piano	11:51
1 Allegro malinconico	4:30
2 Cantilena	3:56
3 Presto giocoso	3:26

Olivier Messiaen (1908-1992):

4 Le Merle Noir	5:42
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Pierre Sancan (b. 1916):

5 Sonatine	9:08
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André Jolivet (1905-1974):

6 Chant de Linos	10:25
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Henri Dutilleux (b. 1916):

7 Sonatine	9:30
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Pierre Boulez (b. 1925):

8 Sonatine	12:58
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Patrick Gallois, Flute • Lydia Wong, Piano

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