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The Catalan composer Manuel Blañafort believed strongly in the importance of nationalism in music and was keen to follow in the footsteps of Albéniz, Granados and Falla, but always with a Catalan bias. Most of the works on this recording belong to a prolific period of creative activity towards the end of the 1920s. Depicting a transatlantic journey to the USA, with impressions of both the ocean and life on board ship, the *American Souvenir* suite also includes a vivid yet tender homage to Charlie Chaplin. Inspired by the classicism of Bach and Scarlatti, the *Sonatina antiga* surprises with its bold harmonic writing. The impressionistic *Ermita i panorama* conjures up, through the development of a folk tune, the silence of twilight within the Catalan hermitage of Puiggraciós and the view of the landscape from the summit of the hill.

Manuel
BLANCAFORT
 (1897-1987)

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| 1 Pastorel•la (1928)** | 5:10 | Ermita i panorama (1930-31)** | 10:39 |
| American Souvenir (1926-29) | 12:59 | 7 Ermita | 5:44 |
| 2 Transatlàntic en ruta** | 8:48 | 8 Panorama | 4:55 |
| 3 Homenatge a Chaplin* | 4:12 | 9 Cavatina i diàleg (1934)** | 6:33 |
| Sonatina antiga (1928-29)* | 18:03 | Romança, intermedi i marxa (1942)* | 11:13 |
| 4 Exercici | 5:56 | 10 Romança | 4:56 |
| 5 Tendresa | 6:17 | 11 Intermedi | 3:56 |
| 6 Recreació | 5:51 | 12 Marxa | 2:22 |

Miquel Villalba, Piano



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