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This is a unique collection of mostly short works that Stravinsky re-worked in different arrangements to suit the occasion. *Pastorale*, transcribed here for a quartet of oboe, clarinet, English horn, and bassoon, is one of Stravinsky's most popular pieces, as well as his own favourite among his pre-*Firebird* creations. *The Soldier's Tale*, scored for only 7 players, is based on a Russian folk-tale of the soldier who sells his soul to the devil in exchange for a violin. Stravinsky's comic masterpiece, *Renard*, also based on a Russian folk-tale, is heard here in an amended version of his own English translation. *Scherzo à la Russe* is the original, scored for the Paul Whiteman band of six saxophones, eight strings, harp, piano, assorted brass, woodwinds, and percussion.

Igor
STRAVINSKY
(1882-1971)

1 Pastorale, Op. 5 ¹	3:16	23 Renard: Burlesque	
2-10 Histoire du Soldat		in One Act ¹	17:29
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Clarinet ³	3:55	Lyrics ⁵	3:44
14 Pour Picasso ³	0:29	29 Scherzo à la Russe ⁶	3:40
15-18 Pribaoutki ⁴	4:02	30 Song of the Volga	
19-22 Berceuses du Chat ⁴	3:45	Boatmen ⁷	1:22

Rolf Schulte, Violin ² • **John Feeney, Double Bass** ² • **Frank Morelli, Bassoon** ²
William Blount, Clarinet ² • **Chris Gekker, Trumpet** ² • **Michael Powell, Trombone** ²
Gordon Gottlieb, Percussion ² • **Charles Neidich, Clarinet** ³
Catherine Ciesinski, Mezzo-soprano ⁴ • **Susan Narucki, Soprano** ⁵
Instrumental Ensemble ^{1,5} • **Orchestra of St. Luke's** ^{4,6} • **Philharmonia Orchestra** ⁷

Robert Craft

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