

Robert Craft's abiding love and understanding of Anton Webern's music have made him an internationally renowned champion of this elusive composer's œuvre. Its utter originality, pristine architecture and refined emotionalism yield rich rewards indeed. Whether transforming the *Ricercata* from J.S. Bach's *A Musical Offering* into a kaleidoscope of orchestral sounds, creating vivid new colours through ever-changing vocal and instrumental groupings, revelling in multi-layered polyphony or cultivating the purest simplicity, Webern reveals new musical worlds which remain as fresh and fascinating today as when they were written.

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**Anton
WEBER**
(1883-1945)

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| 1 | Ricercata from J.S. Bach's 'Musical Offering', trans. for orchestra by Anton Webern (1934-35) ¹ | 7:46 |
| 2-3 | Two Songs, Op. 19 (1926) ² | 2:34 |
| 4-8 | Five Movements for String Orchestra, Op. 5 (1909-29) ³ | 10:21 |
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| 26-30 | Five Sacred Songs, Op. 15 (1917-22) ⁸ | 6:00 |
| 31 | Das Augenlicht, 'Through Our Open Eyes Light Flows into the Heart' Op. 26 (1935) ⁹ | 6:15 |
| 32 | Variations for Orchestra, Op. 30 (1940) ¹⁰ | 7:30 |
| 33-38 | Second Cantata, Op. 31 (1941-43) ¹¹ | 15:36 |

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Twentieth Century Classics Ensemble ^{1, 4, 6, 7, 8, 10}
Philharmonia Orchestra ^{2, 3, 5, 9, 11} • **Robert Craft**

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 Available sung texts can be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/557531.htm

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