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GRIEG: Norwegian Dances • Ballade • Slåtter

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Edvard Grieg's idiom is firmly rooted in Norwegian folk music, especially in his numerous short pieces. The *Slåtter* are Norwegian folk dances and tunes, originally played on the peasant violin (Hardanger Fiddle), and notated by Johan Halvorsen. Grieg ingeniously transcribed them for the piano, and Øystein Sommerfeldt later made the orchestral arrangements of the three here recorded. Although an excellent orchestrator himself, Grieg often left his task to others, such as Halvorsen or Sitt. This collection includes the *Norwegian Dances*, *Funeral March*, *Bridal Procession*, and the deeply emotional and personal *Ballade* (orchestrated by Geirr Tveitt). The orchestral versions of *Slåtter* and *Ballade* are world première recordings.

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Edvard GRIEG

(1843-1907)

WORLD PREMIERE
RECORDINGS

Orchestrated Piano Pieces

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| 1-3 | Slåtter – Suite for Orchestra, Op. 72 * | 9:09 |
| 4-7 | Norwegian Dances, Op. 35 | 17:34 |
| 8 | Funeral March in Memory of
Rikard Nordraak, Op. 73 | 7:48 |
| 9 | The Bridal Procession Passes By, from <i>Pictures
from Folk Life (Folkelivsbilleder)</i>, Op. 19, No. 2 | 3:38 |
| 10 | Ballade, Op. 24 * | 19:35 |
| 11 | Ringing Bells from <i>Lyric Pieces</i>, Op. 54, No. 6 | 4:27 |

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A complete tracklist can be found on page 2 of the booklet • * denotes world première recording
Orchestrations: Øystein Sommerfeldt (Tracks 1-3), Hans Sitt (Tracks 4-7), Johan Halvorsen (Tracks 8 and 9)
Geirr Tveitt (Track 10) and Edvard Grieg/Anton Seidl (Track 11)
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