

Maeterlinck's play *Pelléas et Mélisande* has inspired composers such as Debussy, Fauré, Schoenberg and, in 1905, Sibelius, whose incidental music was written for a production at the Swedish Theatre in Helsinki. His evocative score suggests the mysterious medieval world in which the lovers move towards their own tragedies. It is coupled here with Desbrière's dramatic *Sinfonia*, commissioned by and dedicated to his friend Patrick Gallois, who conducts both works.

Jean  
**SIBELIUS**  
(1865-1957)

**Pelléas et Mélisande, Op. 46**

Incidental music to Maurice Maeterlinck's play

|                       |      |                         |      |
|-----------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
| 1 At the castle gate  | 2:44 | 6 Pastorale             | 1:44 |
| 2 Mélisande           | 3:43 | 7 At the spinning wheel | 1:52 |
| 3 On the seashore     | 2:03 | 8 Intermezzo            | 2:51 |
| 4 Spring in the park  | 1:59 | 9 Death of Mélisande    | 5:35 |
| 5 Three blind sisters | 2:11 |                         |      |

Tauno Härmäläinen, Cor anglais

Jacques **DESBRIÈRE**  
(b. 1925)

*Sinfonia* (2005, rev. 2006)

|                             |       |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| 10 Prélude et Allegro       | 10:34 |
| 11 Dumka: Lent – Vif – Lent | 11:54 |
| 12 Final – Coda*            | 7:30  |

Timo Mahlamäki, Clarinet • Juha Markkanen, Oboe

**Sinfonia Finlandia Jyväskylä • Patrick Gallois**

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