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DIAMOND: Symphony No. 8

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David
DIAMOND
(b. 1915)

- 1 - 12 **Suite from the Ballet TOM** 23:11
13 **This Sacred Ground*** 15:30
14 - 15 **Symphony No. 8** 30:13

Erich Parce, Baritone*
Seattle Symphony Chorale*
Seattle Girls' Choir*
Northwest Boychoir*
Seattle Symphony
Gerard Schwarz

A full track listing can be found in the booklet.
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*"To me, the romantic spirit in music is
important because it is timeless."*

These words by David Diamond capture the essence not only of the composer himself, but of an entire generation of American composers whose heartfelt music was born during the Great Depression and World War II. Diamond's 1937 ballet *TOM* was written for e.e. cummings's scenario based on the famous anti-slavery novel *Uncle Tom's Cabin*. *This Sacred Ground*, a setting of Lincoln's *Gettysburg Address*, also relates to America's still-resonating encounter with the institution of slavery. *Symphony No. 8* was dedicated to Diamond's friend and mentor, Aaron Copland, on the occasion of his 60th birthday.

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