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JOSEPH SCHWANTNER: Chamber Music

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Joseph  
**SCHWANTNER**  
(b.1943)

- 1 **Sparrows** (for soprano, flute, clarinet, harp, percussion, piano, string trio and instrumental ensemble) (Kobayashi Issa) **16:31**
- 2 **Soaring** \*† (for flute and piano) **1:38**
- 3 **Distant Runes and Incantations** (for piano, flute, clarinet, percussion and string quartet) **14:54**
- Two Poems of Aguedo Pizarro** (for soprano, crotales and piano) **11:43**
- 4 **Shadowinower** \*† **7:02**
- 5 **Black Anemones** † **4:41**
- Music of Amber** (for flute, clarinet, percussion, piano, violin and cello) **20:16**
- 6 **Part I: Wind Willow Whisper** **7:45**
- 7 **Part II: Sanctuary** **12:31**

Britta Stallmeister, Soprano  
Florian Hölscher, Piano

Holst-Sinfonietta • Klaus Simon (Director and Piano†)

\* denotes World Première Recording

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Producers: Marie-Josefin Meindl and Felix Dreher  
Booklet Notes: Klaus Simon  
Cover Painting: *Broken Forms* by Franz Marc (1880-1916) (Bridgeman Art Library)  
American flag, folk artist, 1880s.



AMERICAN CLASSICS

Joseph Schwantner is considered to be among the most successful and respected living composers in the United States. Although he has been principally influenced by George Crumb, Messiaen and Debussy, his music is at once identifiable by its luminous, bewitching sounds, chords of equal intervals and unusual effects. The present selection of music for chamber ensemble features the world première recordings of *Soaring*, a highly virtuosic high-wire act for flute and piano and *Two Poems of Aguedo Pizarro*, a pair of contrasting songs written for soprano Lucy Shelton. *Sparrows* is an expression of fifteen haiku by the eighteenth-century Japanese poet Kobayashi Issa, while *Music of Amber* is an expressive work of high energy and virtuosity.

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Booklet notes in English  
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