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ROMEIO CASCARINO: Orchestral Works

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Romeo  
**CASCARINO**  
(1922-2002)

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| 1 | <b>Pygmalion (1956)</b>  | <b>18:14</b> |
| 2 | <b>Portrait of Galatea (1952) *</b>                                | <b>11:12</b> |
| 3 | <b>Blades of Grass (1945) *</b><br>(Geoffrey Deemer, English Horn) | <b>7:26</b>  |
| 4 | <b>Prospice (1948) *</b>   | <b>19:43</b> |
|   | <b>Meditation and Elegy (2000) *</b>                               | <b>5:35</b>  |
| 5 | <b>Meditation</b>  | <b>2:43</b>  |
| 6 | <b>Elegy</b>   | <b>2:52</b>  |
| 7 | <b>The Acadian Land (1960) *</b>                                   | <b>13:52</b> |

**Philadelphia Philharmonia**  
**JoAnn Falletta**

\* Denotes world première recording  
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American flag, folk artist, 1880s.



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Romeo Cascarino, a virtually self-taught Philadelphia composer, was fiercely dedicated to the principles of tonality and the infinite beauty of orchestral color. His four orchestral works, written between 1948 and 1960, as well as the two chamber works also heard on this disc, were all inspired by literary and mythological sources. The programmatic ballet *Pygmalion* and the long adagio *Portrait of Galatea* embellish the Greek legend in rich harmonic detail. The rhythmically-urgent *Prospice* resulted from a reading of Browning's epic poem, and his buoyant *The Acadian Land* has at its source Longfellow's imaginary paradise. *Portrait of Galatea*, *Prospice* and *The Acadian Land* are receiving their first complete performances on this recording.

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Booklet notes in English  
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