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SCHUMAN: Symphonies Nos. 3 and 5

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William  
**SCHUMAN**  
(1910-1992)

- Symphony No. 3** 27:28  
 ① Passacaglia and Fugue 12:23  
 ② Chorale and Toccata 15:05  
**Symphony No. 5, for strings** 17:55  
 ③ Molto agitato ed energico 4:24  
 ④ Larghetto 8:25  
 ⑤ Presto 5:05  
 ⑥ **Judith: Choreographic Poem**  
 for Orchestra 22:22

**Seattle Symphony • Gerard Schwarz**

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American flag, folk artist, 1880s.



AMERICAN CLASSICS

William Schuman juggled many careers in his full and productive life: teacher, administrator, conductor and composer of ten symphonies as well as a significant representation of music in many genres. His two-movement *Symphony No. 3*, dating from 1941, derives its organization from Baroque era models. Known as *Symphony No. 5*, though published without a number, the *Symphony for Strings* is remarkable for its contrapuntal mastery and irresistible rhythmic élan. *Judith* (1949) was based on the ancient Hebrew tale of the Jewish widow who saved her people by seducing and beheading the despotic general Holofernes. The syncopated score conveys the anxiety and determination of Judith's heroism.

This disc is the third release in a series devoted to Schuman's complete symphonies.

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