



AMERICAN CLASSICS

The young American composer Carson P. Cooman is one of the most active of his generation, having written over six hundred works in many forms. This disc presents a broad overview of his music, from orchestral to chamber and solo works. It includes the lyrical *Symphony No. 2*, inspired by a poem of Kathleen Wakefield about love and the desire for rain, and his *Symphony No. 3*, which takes as its source material the plainchant *Ave maris stella*. *Partita* explores the baroque flute's unique sonic properties, and the *Piano Concerto* is filled with allusions to classical symphonic form and style, within a contemporary context. Dedicated to the composer Peter Sculthorpe, *Songlines, Sun Dreaming* is rich in native Australian imagery.

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(b. 1982)

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| <b>1</b>    | <b>Symphony No. 2, 'Litanies of Love and Rain' *</b> | <b>10:26</b> |
| <b>2-3</b>  | <b>Partita *</b>                                     | <b>6:05</b>  |
| <b>4</b>    | <b>Piano Concerto *</b>                              | <b>8:41</b>  |
| <b>5</b>    | <b>Vision *</b>                                      | <b>3:38</b>  |
| <b>6-7</b>  | <b>Symphony No. 3, 'Ave Maris Stella' *</b>          | <b>16:34</b> |
| <b>8</b>    | <b>Songlines, Sun Dreaming</b>                       | <b>6:53</b>  |
| <b>9-11</b> | <b>Sonata for Violin and Organ *</b>                 | <b>21:24</b> |

\* World première recordings

**Stephen Schultz, Flute • Nora Skuta, Piano**  
**Rachel Gough, Violin • Rupert Gough, Organ**  
**Bohuslav Martinů Philharmonic Orchestra**  
**Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra**  
**Kirk Trevor**

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Time:  
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