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SACRED SERVICES FROM ISRAEL

Paul Ben-Haim: *Kabbalat Shabbat* (excerpts)

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| 1. I. Introduction and Chorus (Psalm 98) | 3:21 |
| 2. II. Lighting of the Sabbath Candles | 2:01 |
| 3. III. Sabbath Hymn (l'kha dodi) | 3:45 |
| 4. VII. Mi khamokha | 2:42 |
| 5. IX. Hashkivenu | 4:01 |
| 6. XV. Adon olam (Concluding Hymn and Benediction) | 3:29 |
- Cantor Meir Finkelstein, tenor*
Spectrum
BBC Singers
Avner Itai, conductor

Marc Lavry: *Sabbath Eve Sacred Service* (excerpts)

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| 7. Prelude | 3:07 |
| 8. I. Mizmor shir (Tov l'hodot) | 3:22 |
| 9. Ia. Interlude | 1:16 |
| 10. II. L'kha dodi | 2:01 |
| 11. III. Bar'khu and sh'ma yisra'el | 3:21 |
| 12. IV. V'avavta | 3:14 |
| 13. V. Mi khamokha | 4:28 |
| 14. VI. V'sham'ru | 3:44 |
| 15. VII. Yism'h'u | 3:17 |
- Cantor Raphael Frieder, baritone*
Ernst Senff Choir
*Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin**
Yoel Levi, conductor

Yehezkel Braun: *Hallel Service* (excerpts)

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| 16. I. Preliminary <i>b'rakha</i> | 1:46 |
| 17. II. Psalm 113 | 3:09 |
| 18. VI. Psalm 116:1-11 | 4:29 |
| 19. VIII. Psalm 117 | 3:26 |
| 20. IX. Psalm 118 | 8:14 |
| 21. X. Concluding <i>b'rakha</i> | 5:40 |
- Matthew Kirchner, tenor*
Ernst Senff Choir
*Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin**
Gerard Schwarz, conductor

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