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70:46

Bright
SHENG
(b. 1955)

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| 1 | Red Silk Dance (1999) | 15:13 |
| 2 | Tibetan Swing (2002) | 9:07 |
| 3 | The Phoenix (2004) | 23:38 |
| 4 | H'un (Lacerations):
In memoriam 1966–1976
(1988) | 22:42 |

Bright Sheng, Piano 1
Shana Blake Hill, Soprano 3
Seattle Symphony
Gerard Schwarz

Red Silk Dance, Tibetan Swing and The Phoenix are
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American flag, folk artist, 1880s



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The Phoenix, co-commissioned by the Seattle Symphony and Danish National Symphony Orchestra, was inspired by a Hans Christian Andersen tale, the mythical bird symbolizing for Chinese-American composer Bright Sheng “the muse of all peoples.” Aggressive fervor seeks meditative peace in *H'un: In memoriam 1966–1976*, hailed by *The New York Times* as “a searing portrait of the Cultural Revolution in China ... deeply affecting.”

Sheng’s exquisite *Spring Dreams*, *Three Fantasias* and *Tibetan Dance* are available on Naxos 8.570601. *China Dreams* and *Nanking Nanking* can be heard on Naxos 8.555866.

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