

NAXOS PERSICHETTI: Divertimento • Masquerade 8.570123

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Time:
74:31

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Vincent
PERSICHETTI
(1915–1987)

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| 1 | Divertimento for Band, Op. 42 | 11:22 |
| | (Prologue, Song, Dance, Burlesque, Soliloquy, March) | |
| 2 | Psalm for Band, Op. 53 | 8:48 |
| 3 | Chorale Prelude:
O God Unseen, Op. 160 | 9:04 |
| 4 | Pageant, Op. 59 | 7:42 |
| 5 | Masquerade for Band, Op. 102 | 13:14 |
| 6 | O Cool is the Valley, Op. 118 | 6:08 |
| 7 | Parable for Band, Op. 121
(Poem for Band) | 18:13 |

**Winds of the
London Symphony Orchestra**
David Amos

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Vincent Persichetti was not only pivotal to the development of the symphonic band repertoire that began to flourish in the high schools and colleges of the United States during the 1950s, but became one of its most distinguished exponents. He contributed fourteen works, many of which have become staples of the genre. Persichetti's music exhibits a wide stylistic range, ranging from the relative simplicity of works such as the exuberant *Psalm and Pageant*, and the *Divertimento*, which alternates between a sense of mischief and a poignant vein of nostalgia, to the dazzlingly complex *Parable*.

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