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William Alwyn composed prolifically in virtually all genres, orchestral, chamber, vocal and instrumental. Like his contemporary Samuel Barber, Alwyn was an unashamed Romantic who preferred his music to appeal to the heart rather than to the head. The works presented here, five of which are recorded for the first time, cover a period of fifty years from the *Two Songs for Voice, Violin and Piano* of 1931 to the *Chaconne For Tom* for recorder and piano dating from 1982. In each of these pieces Alwyn's compositional gift and technical mastery of his chosen medium are immediately apparent.

WORLD PREMIERE
RECORDINGS

William ALWYN

(1905-1985)

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| 1 Rhapsody for Piano Quartet | 9:20 | 9 Illumination | 1:36 |
| Sonata Impromptu
for Violin and Viola | | 10 Harvest | 2:05 |
| 2 Prelude | 2:45 | 11 Sonatina for Violin and Piano* | 10:30 |
| 3 Theme and Variations | 8:57 | 12 Allegro e grazioso | 3:53 |
| 4 Finale alla Capriccio | 5:01 | 13 Adagio | 3:25 |
| 5 Ballade for Viola and Piano * | 10:01 | 13 Vivace | 3:12 |
| Two Songs for Voice, Violin
and Piano * | 4:37 | Three Winter Poems
for String Quartet | 9:00 |
| 6 Wood Magic | 3:24 | 14 Winter Landscape | 2:50 |
| 7 Lament of the Tall Tree | 1:13 | 15 Elegy – 'Frozen Waters' | 3:41 |
| Three Songs to Words by
Trevor Blakemore, for
Voice and Piano * | 6:40 | 16 Serenade – 'Snow Shower' | 2:29 |
| 8 Nocturne | 2:59 | 17 Chaconne for Tom,
for Treble Recorder and Piano * | 3:24 |

Madeleine Mitchell, Violin **1-4** **6** **7** **11-13** • Roger Chase, Viola **1-5**
Andrew Ball, Piano **1** **5** **11-13** • Lucy Wilding, Cello **1**
Jeremy Huw Williams, Baritone **6-10** • Iain Burnside, Piano **6-10** **17**
Bridge String Quartet **14-16** • John Turner, Treble Recorder **17**

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