

Composed in 1910, at a time when Szymanowski was influenced by Richard Strauss, Reger and Scriabin, the unusually structured *Symphony No. 2* is a work of great power and invention, with many passionate and varied contrasts in its use of solo instruments, in particular the violin. Szymanowski's *Symphony No. 3 'Song of the Night'*, in which orchestra, tenor and choir are subtly blended in a continuous web of intoxicating sound, is a ravishing setting of a Polish translation of a poem by the great medieval Persian mystic known as Mevlânâ, our Master, Jalâl ad-Dîn, which evokes the mysteries and beauty of a starlit Persian night.



Karol
SZYMANOWSKI
(1882-1937)

Symphonies Nos. 2 and 3

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| 1-9 | Symphony No. 2 in B flat major, Op. 19* | 34:38 |
| 10-12 | Symphony No. 3, Op. 27, 'Pieśń o nocy'
(Song of the Night)† | 26:10 |

Ewa Marczyk, Violin Solo* • Ryszard Minkiewicz, Tenor†

**Warsaw Philharmonic Choir
and Orchestra**

(Chorus-master: Henryk Wojnarowski)

Antoni Wit



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Polish sung texts and English translations included

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