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ALFRED CORTOT (1877-1962)

1929-1937 Recordings

Playing
Time
75:47

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1-4	Henry Purcell, arr. Henderson: Minuet in G major 2:21 Sicilienne in G minor 1:01 Gavotte in G major 1:09 Air in G major 1:20 Recorded on 26th October 1937 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
5-7	Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Cortot: Concerto in D minor, BWV 596 (after Vivaldi <i>Concerto Op. 3, No. 11</i>) 9:57 Recorded on 18th May 1937 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
8	Johann Sebastian Bach, arr. Cortot: Arioso (Arrangement of <i>Largo</i> from <i>Concerto in F minor, BWV 1056</i>) 3:05 Recorded on 18th May 1937 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
9	Felix Mendelssohn: Variations Sérieuses, Op. 54 10:46 Recorded on 19th May 1937 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
10	Felix Mendelssohn: Song Without Words in E, Op. 19, No. 1 3:32 Recorded on 19th May 1937 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
11-13	César Franck: Prélude, Chorale and Fugue 17:11 Recorded on 6th and 19th March 1929 in the Small Queen's Hall, London Mats. Cc 15975/78; Cat. DB 1299/1300
14-16	César Franck: Prélude, Aria and Finale 20:54 Recorded on 8th March 1932 in EMI Studio No. 3, Abbey Road, London
17	Camille Saint-Saëns: Étude en forme de Valse, Op. 52, No. 6 4:32 Recorded on 13th May 1931 in the Small Queen's Hall, London

Ranked among the most insightful of pianists for his exploration of the spiritual depths of the music he interpreted, Alfred Cortot was a multi-faceted musician with a wide-ranging repertoire. This album couples small treasures such as the four miniatures by Purcell and Bach's transcription of a Vivaldi Concerto, with masterpieces by Mendelssohn and Franck, of whose music Cortot was one of the greatest exponents. In Cortot's hands, even Saint-Saëns's technically demanding *Étude en forme de Valse* poses no obstacles to his enviable lightness of touch.

A detailed track list can be found in the booklet.
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