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# Peter RITZEN

(b. 1956)

Peter Ritzen, Piano  
Shanghai Philharmonic Orchestra  
Cao Peng

Playing  
Time:  
56'41"

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## The Last Empress Concerto for Piano and Orchestra (Based on Chinese Opera arias)

- 1 Lady Yehenara (9:13)
- 2 Emperor Guang Xu (Kuang Hsu) (5:55)
- 3 Mountain Rain (7:07)
- 4 Opium War (8:02)

## Lady White, Transcription for Piano of a Chinese Opera Aria

- 5 Cantabile (6:37)

## Piano Concerto "China in the Year of the Dragon" (Based on the Chinese Opera 'A Fantastic Dream in the Garden')

- 6 Maestoso di Sino (19:47)
- Allegro tempestuoso
- Barbaro di stravaganza
- Misterioso – Cadenza
- Lento assai – Più mosso

The Belgian-born pianist and composer Peter Ritzen draws on his long association with China and Chinese culture to offer a synthesis of East and West in works that are based on Chinese history and on Chinese operatic traditions.

Recorded in December 1995 in Shanghai, China.

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