

Herman D. Koppel (1908-1998), with a direct link with Carl Nielsen, was one of the greatest Danish musical personalities of the twentieth century. Hard-working as a composer, pianist and teacher, and patriarch of a music dynasty that has become a Danish counterpart of the Bach family. His works are influenced by the Neo-Classicism of the inter-war years and models like Bartók and Stravinsky who combine a rigorous intellect with impulsive rhythms and jagged edges. Sometimes there is a touch of jazz, which was a great preoccupation of Koppel's in the 1930s. His compositions include seven symphonies, four piano concertos, one cello concerto, an opera based on Shakespeare's *Macbeth*, chamber music, piano music and songs.

Herman D. Koppel

Symphony No. 1, Op. 5 (1929-30)

[27:56]

- 1 Presto
- 2 Adagio
- 3 Alla Marcia

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Symphony No. 2, Op. 37 (1943)

[40:43]

- 4 Allegro tranquillo, ma fluendo
- 5 Andante, ma non troppo, molto espressivo
- 6 Poco Andante - Allegro, non troppo

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Aalborg Symphony Orchestra
Moshe Atzmon

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