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MADE IN
GERMANYJosep
SOLER

(b.1935)

Piano Music
Jordi Masó
**Playing
Time**
59:02

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| 1 | Piano Sonata No. 3
(the Song of God)
(1993) | 20:38 |
| | Partita (1980) | (34:38) |
| 2 | Sarabande | 2:12 |
| 3 | Allemande | 1:23 |
| 4 | Air | 5:48 |
| 5 | Bourrée | 0:43 |
| 6 | Menuetto e fuga | 6:46 |
| 7 | Forlana I | 4:29 |
| 8 | Fuga a 2 soggetti | 3:16 |
| 9 | Forlana II | 9:42 |
| 10 | Sonata
Fragment (1957-58) | 3:35 |

Josep Soler

Soler was born in Barcelona, the heart of Catalonia in Spain, and has for a long time been a major influence on Catalan music. He has never confined himself, however, to regional or specifically nationalistic styles, and has contributed to a wide variety of genres and instrumental combinations. He has immersed himself in the study of Renaissance and early Baroque composers, while at the same time allying himself with the twelve-tone procedures pioneered by the Second Viennese School, especially by Alban Berg.

The Piano Music

Soler's passionate interest in music for the stage (he is a prolific composer of operas) has to a large extent conditioned and nourished his output, and his piano music is therefore full of dramatic incident and vivid characterisation. While significantly influenced by Baroque structures generally, and fugue in particular, his piano music is not antiquarian in style, but very much of its time – despite a near obsession with Wagner's 'music of the future'.

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