

The Portuguese composer, Braga Santos was a highly accomplished symphonist and composer for the orchestra. His musical language is based on a strong sense of architecture as well as drama, with generous melodic lines and a natural instinct for structural development as well as formal coherence. The four works on this new Marco Polo disc reflect his musical evolution. The *Concerto in D's* harmonic idiom and contrapuntal writing are extremely traditional and reflect the composer's initial interest in composing in modal keys. The *Sinfonietta* is formally condensed and uses a small orchestra. The *Variations Concertantes* represent a change from the past: they possess considerable harmonic and contrapuntal density, and are divided into a series of short sections. The *Double Concerto* for violin and cello, accompanied by strings and harp, follows the traditional concerto form. Throughout all these works Braga Santos's musical mastery is fully evident.

**JOLY  
BRAGA SANTOS**  
(1924-1988)

	<b>Concerto for Strings in D (1951)</b>	<b>19:39</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Largamente maestoso / Allegro</b>	<b>7:00</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>Adagio non troppo</b>	<b>6:14</b>
<b>3</b>	<b>Allegro ben marcato</b>	<b>6:23</b>
	<b>Sinfonietta for Strings (1963)</b>	<b>18:09</b>
<b>4</b>	<b>Adagio / Allegro</b>	<b>6:08</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>Adagio</b>	<b>6:32</b>
<b>6</b>	<b>Allegro ben marcato, ma non troppo</b>	<b>5:29</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>Variations Concertantes for Strings and Harp (1967)†</b>	<b>11:06</b>
	<b>Concerto for Violin, Cello, Strings and Harp (1968)*</b>	<b>18:57</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>Largo</b>	<b>6:02</b>
<b>9</b>	<b>Allegro</b>	<b>4:40</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>Adagio</b>	<b>8:15</b>

\*Bradley Creswick, violin • \*Alexander Somov, cello • \*†Sue Blair, harp  
Northern Sinfonia • Álvaro Cassuto

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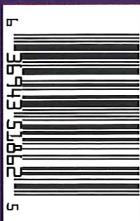


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