

The world premiere recording of *Kafka's Trial* by Poul Ruders, commissioned by the Royal Danish Opera for the opening season of the new Copenhagen Opera House in 2005. Ruders chose a legendary source of inspiration, Kafka's comic nightmare of a novel, *The Trial*. The libretto by British writer Paul Bentley has an unusual twist – it weaves Kafka's own destiny into the intricate plot of the novel – and the double story is brilliantly realised in Poul Ruders' extraordinary score.

POUL RUDERS

Proces Kafka | Kafka's Trial | Prozess Kafka

An Opera in One Act with a Prelude

Based on the Novel by Franz Kafka

Libretto: **PAUL BENTLEY**

Libretto in Danish, English and German

World premiere recording

Disc 1

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| [1] | PRELUDE | 26:03 |
| [2]-[12] | SCENE 1 – SCENE 6 (Part One) | 38:18 |

Disc 2

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| [1]-[15] | SCENE 6 (Part two) – SCENE 13 | 60:56 |
| | | Total: 125:17 |

Live recording

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