

NIELS MARTHINSEN (b. 1963) knows how to grab the listener's attention – and hold it. His evocative music is full of expressive force and makes instant contact with the listener. Niels Marthinsen is one of the most virtuosic composers in Denmark, but is at the same time an artist with an open mind. Nothing is forbidden in his music, where drama, humour, subtlety and big bangs all get along famously together. The works on this CD demonstrate his imaginative and captivating use of the orchestra: from the grotesque vitality of *Monster Symphony* to *Panorama*'s study of slowness and the tightly-packed "opera trailer" with glimpses from his latest opera *The Confessional*.

Monster Symphony

	First Symphony Remix (1995, rev. 2004)	28:52
1	Monsters' Mating Call	9:05
2	Baby Monster's Lullaby	4:52
3	Real Monsters	14:55
4	Panorama	
	Per Orchestra (1993)	21:58

The Confessional

	Opera Trailer in Four Sections (2004)	12:04
5	I Moderato	3:01
6	II Allegro	3:03
7	III Moderato –	3:44
8	IV Più mosso	2:16

Total: 62:54

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MICHEL TABACHNIK, conductor

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