

## Five *Danish* Piano Trios

## Trio Ismena

Monika Malmquist, *violin* | Ida Nørholm, *cello* | Christine Raft, *piano*

A special Nordic blend of lightness and melancholy is shared by the five piano trios on this CD, although it is indeed five highly individual composers that are presented here by prize-winning **Ismena Trio**. The listener is taken from **Svend Hvidtfelt Nielsen's** dynamic inwardness through **Jesper Koch's** elegance and **Lars Hegaard's** sound-objects to **Ib Nørholm's** masterly, rigorous expression and **Pelle Gudmundsen-Holmgreen's** no less rigorously controlled yet more surprising exchanges of opinions between the instruments.

SVEND HVIDTFELT NIELSEN (b. 1958)

**[1 - 4] Divertimento (1993)\*** ..... 11:32  
*four movements for violin, cello and piano*

JESPER KOCH (b. 1967)

**5 - 7 Piano Trio (2011)\*..... 16:12**

LARS HEGAARD (b. 1950)

**[8] - [12] Like a Cube of Silence** (2010)\* ..... 11:59  
*five movements for piano trio*

IB NØRHOLM (b. 1931)

[13] - [15] **Trio No. 3 “Essai in memoriam”, op. 155 (1999)** ..... 14:21  
*for violin, cello and piano*

PELLE GUDMUNDSEN-HOLMGREEN (b. 1932)

[16 - 19] **Moments musicaux** (2006)\* ..... 16:39  
*for violin, cello and piano*

TOTAL: 70:56

\* World premiere recording

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