



JEAN SIBELIUS

(1865–1957)

INCIDENTAL MUSIC

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TURKU PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA LEIF SEGERSTAM

Parallel to his great sequence of symphonic masterpieces and tone poems, Jean Sibelius wrote a significant body of music for the theatre. It was with *King Christian II* and *Kuolema* that he established his fame throughout Europe while some of his most hauntingly beautiful writing for the stage can be found in *Belshazzar's Feast*. The tragic pantomime *Scaramouche* is Sibelius's only continuous dramatic score, the atmospheric and dramatic *Pelléas et Mélisande* is one of his most popular works and the rarely performed *Jedermann* is recognised as a hidden masterpiece. *Gramophone* wrote of these performances: 'Leif Segerstam masterminds a characteristically unhurried, atmospheric display. What an absorbing journey of discovery this series has proved to be; congratulations to everyone involved.'

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'...an experience to relish' – *MusicWeb International* on *Kuolema*

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'a lot of atmosphere. This is a real Sound-Hitchcock.' – *Pizzicato* on *Scaramouche* ★★★★★

'gorgeous, unflinchingly dark and anguished' – *ClassicsToday.com* on *Jedermann*

'... these are obscure Sibelius pieces for which Segerstam has made an excellent

case for revival.' – *AllMusic.com* on *Swanwhite* ★★★★★

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