

Sir Malcolm Arnold was born in Northampton, England, in 1921 and quickly established himself as a fluent and versatile composer, as well as a brilliant orchestrator. Arnold's music springs directly from dance and song. It is typically lucid in texture, rich in melody and clear in draughtsmanship. The Seventh and Eighth Symphonies are well contrasted. The Seventh, completed in 1973 and dedicated to the composer's three children, displays throughout unremitting energy, tragedy and defiance. The Eighth Symphony was written in 1978, while Arnold was living in Ireland and combines the upbeat character of Arnold's lighter music with pensive and questioning passages.

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Playing Time
63:55



Sir Malcolm
ARNOLD
(b. 1921)

Malcolm Arnold

Recorded in the presence
of the composer

Symphony No. 7, Op. 113

38:04

1	Allegro energico	16:23
2	Andante con moto	13:58
3	Allegro	7:43

Symphony No. 8, Op. 124

25:51

4	Allegro	11:21
5	Andantino	7:54
6	Vivace	6:36

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