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Johann Baptist  
VAÑHAL

(1739–1813)

## Symphonies Vol. 2

City of London Sinfonia • Andrew Watkinson

## Symphony in B flat major (Bryan Bb3) 14:18

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|---|------------------|------|
| 1 | Allegro moderato | 3:41 |
| 2 | Andante arioso   | 4:23 |
| 3 | Minuetto         | 3:02 |
| 4 | Allegro          | 3:00 |

## Symphony in D minor (Bryan d2) 16:29

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| 5 | Allegro molto    | 7:36 |
| 6 | Cantabile        | 5:10 |
| 7 | Finale – Allegro | 3:35 |

## Symphony in G major (Bryan G11) 18:46

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| 8  | Allegro                        | 5:44 |
| 9  | Andante molto                  | 4:43 |
| 10 | Minuetto – Allegretto          | 2:47 |
| 11 | Finale – Allegro ma non troppo | 5:19 |

Born to a peasant family in 1739, Johann Baptist Vañhal became one of the most important and popular composers working in Vienna in the 18th century. Though not ambitious for high position, fame or fortune, Vañhal's talent for reacting to changing social and economic conditions, as well as musical fashion, made him the first major composer of the time to earn a comfortable living without any official appointment or patronage. Vañhal's vast output includes quartets, sacred scores, chamber and instrumental music, as well as around 80 symphonies. Written between the early 1760s and the mid-1770s the three symphonies on this recording display the familiar Vañhal trademarks of rhythmic vitality and structural inventiveness, allied to a highly developed sense of orchestral colour.

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