

"All my music has grown out of a vague supernatural sound. As a fourteen-year-old boy I heard the invisible fluttering of owls' wings in the summer night. This was the starting-point for all my music." Throughout his life, Harald Sæverud was one of the most distinctive figures on the Norwegian music scene. His desire to express himself and to seek unique solutions to the artistic challenges presented by each new work, gave rise to a personal musical idiom. Sæverud's music tends not to describe the grand Norwegian scenery of mountains and fjords, but focuses on nature and the human moods reflected in it, incorporating Norwegian folk-lore and legends.

Harald
SÆVERUD
(1897-1992)

WORLD PREMIERE
RECORDINGS

Complete Piano Works, Vol. 3

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| 1-5 | Peer Gynt Suite I, Op. 28, No. 1 | 20:03 |
| 6-11 | Seks småstykker fra "Via Nova" (Six Small Pieces from "Via Nova") | 3:15 |
| 12 | Åsnes vals (Åsne's Waltz) | 4:43 |
| 13 | Mettes vals (Mette's Waltz) | 1:12 |
| 14 | Reisen til Eventyrland (Journey to the Fairytale Land) | 2:20 |
| 15 | Scène macabre | 4:34 |
| 16 | Vals carissimo — Waltz Carissimo | 2:39 |
| 17-32 | From Posthumous manuscripts | 27:51 |
| 33-37 | Slåtter og stev fra "Siljustøl" Vol. 3, Op. 23
(Tunes and Dances from "Siljustøl") (including Thor the Hammerer) | 11:44 |

Einar Steen-Nøkleberg

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