

The first glass instrument played with wet fingers was invented in 1743 by an Irishman, Richard Puckeridge, but it was Benjamin Franklin who went on to invent a variant of it, the glass harmonica, which produced similar sounds but could be mechanically controlled. The instrument aroused passionate responses during its hey-day, and many composers of the late eighteenth century composed music for the instrument. The most well-known were Mozart and Beethoven, both of whom wrote for it towards the end of their lives. Gaetano Donizetti was one of the last to compose for the glass harmonica before its revival in the late twentieth century, when he originally featured it as the accompanying instrument to Lucia's mad scene in his opera *Lucia di Lammermoor*, to startling effect. This disc concludes with Thomas Bloch's own haunting *Sancta Maria*, which includes 4 multitracked vocal parts all performed by a male soprano.

## GLASS HARMONICA

Thomas Bloch

### SCHULZ

1	Largo	3:35
	<b>HOLT SOMBACH</b>	
2	Adagio	5:36
	<b>REICHARDT</b>	
3	Rondeau	6:35
	<b>NAUMANN</b>	
	Sonata No. 3	3:55
4	Récit	1:35
5	Andantino amoroso	2:20
	<b>MOZART</b>	
6	Adagio K.V. 356 (K.V. 617a)	3:07
	Adagio und Rondo K.V. 617	12:09
7	Adagio	4:22
8	Rondo	7:46
	<b>BEETHOVEN</b>	
9	Melodram	1:00

### RÖLLIG

10	Kleine Tonstücke	3:15
11	Grave	1:49
	<b>COMMODOETTO</b>	1:27
	<b>APELL</b>	
12	Trionfo della musica, cantata	4:51
	<b>HOLT SOMBACH</b>	
	1ère Suite:	3:28
13	Fantaisie	0:46
14	Allemande	2:42
	<b>DONIZETTI</b>	
15	Lucia di Lammermoor:	15:56
	Mad Scene	
	<b>HOLT SOMBACH</b>	
16	1ère Suite: 2ème Menuet	1:16
	<b>BLOCH</b>	
17	Sancta Maria	6:11

Tracks 1-16 recorded at ADS (Ivry-sur-Seine)-Auditorium FR3 (Strasbourg), from January to March 1997

track 17 recorded at Labo T (Neuilly Plaisance) in May 1998

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