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The Basque composer and conductor Jesús Arámbarrí wrote relatively few works in his lifetime, many of which are included on this disc. Drawing on his own experience as a conductor, he specialised in writing short orchestral pieces that were often inspired by his native folk-music, or written as tributes to musical friends and masters, like his short piece, *Ofrenda*, dedicated to Falla, whose influence can also be discerned in the *Eight Basque Songs*. This cycle, taken from love songs and lullabies, is an excellent example of Arámbarrí's mature style.

Jesús
ARÁMBARRI
(1902-1960)

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| 1 - 3 | Preludio Gabon-zar sorgiñak
(Witches on New Year's Eve) | 5:36 |
| 4 - 7 | Cuatro impromptus para orquesta
(Four Impromptus for orchestra) | 9:23 |
| 8 - 15 | Ocho canciones vascas para soprano y orquesta
(Eight Basque songs for soprano and orchestra) | 11:35 |
| 16 | In memoriam - Elegía para orquesta
(In memoriam - Elegy for orchestra) | 9:20 |
| 17 | Ofrenda
(Offering) | 3:20 |
| 18 | Viento sur (Intermedio)
(South wind) | 4:41 |
| 19 - 21 | Fantasia española para orquesta
(Spanish Fantasy for orchestra) | 13:45 |

Itxaro Mentxaka, Soprano
Bilbao Symphony Orchestra • Juan José Mena

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