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The *Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto*, scored for solo violin and Western orchestra, is one of the best known of all contemporary Chinese compositions. It has become indelibly linked with Takako Nishizaki, whose seventh recording of this hugely popular work features on this disc. *Songs and Dances from the Silk Road*, by the Slovak-born Peter Breiner, is based on traditional melodies to be heard in the West of China, from where the famous Silk Road takes its course through Central Asia to the Occident.

CHEN GANG (b.1935) and HE ZHANHAO (b.1933)

The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto

PETER BREINER (b. 1957)

Songs and Dances from the Silk Road

Chen Gang and He Zhanhao:

- 1 The Butterfly Lovers Violin Concerto 28:08

Peter Breiner: Songs and Dances from the Silk Road 35:15

- 2 A Beloved Rose (Kazakh Folk-Song) 4:21
- 3 The Half-Moon Climbs (Uyghur Folk-Song) 4:27
- 4 Spinning (Gansu Folk-Song) 5:08
- 5 All At Work (Great North-West Folk-Song) 3:08
- 6 Sa Li Hong Ba (Uyghur Folk-Song) 4:19
- 7 Lan Hua Hua (Shanxi Folk-Song) 4:57
- 8 Lift Your Veil (Uyghur Folk-Song) 3:48
- 9 Tulufan (Xinjiang Folk-Song) 4:31

Takako Nishizaki • New Zealand Symphony Orchestra • James Judd

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