

Haerval Brian's monumental 'Gothic' Symphony, the first of 32 symphonies, with combined forces of around 1000 musicians is possibly the largest-scale symphony ever written, outdoing the most extreme demands of Mahler, Strauss or Schoenberg. Inspired by Goethe's *Faust* and the Gothic Age as a period of almost unlimited expansion of human knowledge, it incorporates a vast number of musical influences, from medieval plainsong to early 20th century techniques. After the purely orchestral Part 1, Part 2 is a gigantic setting of the *Te Deum* inspired by the mighty Gothic Cathedral and the music that was sung in it.

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Haerval BRIAN

(1876-1972)

Symphony No. 1 'The Gothic'

CD 1	59:11	CD 2	54:56
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Part 1

1-4 I - Allegro assai
5-7 II - Lento espressivo
 e solenne
8-14 III - Vivace

 13:46
 12:26
 13:00

Part 2 (continued)

1-6 V - Judex: Adagio molto
 solenne e religioso
7-21 VI - Te ergo quae sumus:
 39:12
 Moderato e molto sostenuto

Part 2 - Te Deum

15-25 IV - Te Deum laudamus:
 Allegro moderato

Eva Jenisová, Soprano • Dagmar Pecková, Alto
 Vladimír Doležal, Tenor • Peter Mikuláš, Bass

Slovak Opera Chorus • Slovak Folk Ensemble Chorus • Lúčnica Chorus
 Bratislava City Choir • Bratislava Children's Choir • Youth Echo Choir

Pavol Procházka, Chorus Master

Slovak Radio Symphony Orchestra

Slovak Philharmonic Orchestra and Choir • Ondrej Lenárd

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