

This collection presents major twentieth-century works for saxophone and orchestra by Henri Tomasi and Frank Martin alongside well-known works by Ravel and Piazzolla, arranged for saxophone and orchestra. The disc concludes with world première recordings of music by the Greek composer Dimitris Dragatakis and the Spanish composer Pedro Iturralde. Described as “one of the best saxophone soloists of his generation”, Theodore Kerkezos has previously appeared on Naxos with a disc of virtuosic showpieces by Debussy, Milhaud, Ibert, Villa-Lobos, Glazunov and Karamessini (8.557063).

Ballades for Saxophone and Orchestra

Henri Tomasi (1901-1971):

1 Ballade for alto saxophone and orchestra: Andantino - Gigue - Blues 15:31

Frank Martin (1890-1974):

2 Ballade for saxophone and orchestra 14:45

Maurice Ravel (1875-1937):

3 Pièce en forme de habanera for saxophone and chamber orchestra (arr. A. Hoérée) 3:04

Astor Piazzolla (1921-1992):

Tango Suite for Saxophone and Orchestra (adap. T. Kerkezos): 22:00

4 Preludio 1:34

5 Fuga 2:11

6 Misterio 1:19

7 Fugata 2:26

8 Oblivión 4:58

9 Adios Nonino 6:50

10 Libertango 2:42

Dimitris Dragatakis (1914-2001):

11 Ballade for saxophone and strings (World première recording) 2:56

Pedro Iturralde (b.1929):

12 Czardás for saxophone and orchestra (orch. J. Iturralde) (World première recording) 7:35

Theodore Kerkezos, Saxophone
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