

This third volume of the Naxos Robert Craft Schoenberg Collection features music written over a period of forty years. The *Six A Cappella Mixed Choruses*, miniature polyphonic masterpieces, are popular sixteenth-century German folk-songs harmonized by Schoenberg according to his own dictates. The *String Quartet No. 2*, heard on this recording in its original form with the two concluding vocal movements, is an enthralling combination of voice and quartet. His first American composition, the *Suite for Strings in G*, was written "in the old style" as a piece for young students, but its technical difficulty has led to it remaining practically unknown.

**Arnold  
SCHOENBERG**  
(1874-1951)

**Six A Cappella Mixed Choruses\***

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| 1 Mein Herz in steten Treuen,<br>Op. 49 (1948)    | 4:08 |
| 2 Der Mai tritt ein mit Freuden,<br>Op. 49 (1948) | 2:05 |
| 3 Herzlieblich Lieb,<br>durch Scheiden (1928)     | 1:30 |
| 4 Es gingen zwei Gespielen gut,<br>Op. 49 (1948)  | 3:21 |
| 5 Es gingen zwei Gespielen gut<br>(1928)          | 3:21 |
| 6 Schein uns, du liebe Sonne (1928)               | 3:50 |

**String Quartet No. 2, Op. 10 (1908)†**

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| 7 Allegro     | 6:37  |
| 8 Scherzo     | 6:40  |
| 9 Litanei     | 5:56  |
| 10 Entrückung | 10:46 |

**Suite in G for String Orchestra  
(1934)\*\***

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| 11 Overture | 6:09 |
| 12 Adagio   | 5:17 |
| 13 Minuet   | 4:46 |
| 14 Gavotte  | 6:09 |
| 15 Gigue    | 7:40 |

**Twentieth Century Classics Ensemble\*\* • Fred Sherry String Quartet†  
Jennifer Welch-Babidge, Soprano† • Simon Joly Singers\* • Robert Craft**

Tracks 1-6 recorded at Abbey Road, London, on 28th April, 2005

Tracks 7-10 recorded at the American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, in January 2005

Tracks 11-15 recorded at the American Academy of Arts and Letters, New York, in November 2004

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