

Volume VII of the Robert Craft Schoenberg Collection begins with the early *Six Songs for Soprano and Orchestra*, in which the obvious harmonic and melodic influence of Wagner is counterbalanced by a more personal instrumentation. For the originality and the musical beauties of *Six Pieces for Male Chorus* to be performed with accurate intonation, utmost clarity and balance of the polyphonic lines has taken three-quarters of a century. *Kol Nidre* is a little-known small-scale masterpiece. The excerpts from the 'Golden Calf' scene of Schoenberg's unfinished opera *Moses und Aron* depict the sacrifice of the Young Girl and a quartet of Naked Virgins, followed by an orgy of destruction and suicide.

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orchestra

Arnold
SCHOENBERG

(1874-1951)

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| [1]-[6] | Six Songs, Op. 8, for Soprano and Orchestra (1903-04) | ¹ 25:23 |
| [7] | Friede auf Erden, Op. 13 (1907) | ² 8:35 |
| [8]-[13] | Six Pieces, for Male Chorus a cappella, Op. 35 (1929-30) | ³ 13:01 |
| [14] | Ei, du Lütte (1895/6) | ⁴ 1:04 |
| [15] | Kol Nidre, for Rabbi-Narrator, Mixed Chorus and Orchestra, Op. 39 (1938) | ⁵ 13:10 |
| [16]-[18] | Moses und Aron (1932): Excerpts from 'The Golden Calf and The Altar' (Act II, Scene 3) | ⁶ 15:13 |

Jennifer Welch-Babidge, Soprano ^{1, 6}

David Wilson-Johnson, Rabbi-Narrator ⁵

Simon Joly Chorale ²⁻⁶ • **Philharmonia Orchestra** ^{1, 5, 6}

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A full track list and recording details can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the booklet

Available sung texts can be found at www.naxos.com/libretti/557525.htm

All tracks recorded at Abbey Road Studio 1, London

Tracks 1-15: Producer: Philip Traugott • Engineer: Mike Hatch • Editor: Raphaël Mouterde

Tracks 16-18: Producer: Gregory K. Squires • Engineers: Arne Akselberg and Mike Cox

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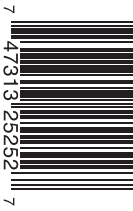
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