

Hummel's small but important corpus of sacred works belongs to a period of unparalleled richness in the history of church music. Between 1796 and 1808 first Haydn, then Hummel and Beethoven composed an extraordinary series of Masses for Prince Nicolaus II Esterházy. Hummel's *Missa Solemnis in C*, recorded here for the first time, is a worthy successor to the late Haydn Masses but no pale, bloodless imitation. Its brilliant orchestration, inventive and flexible choral writing and technical resourcefulness are the work of an experienced and gifted composer. Completed a few months earlier, the exuberant *Te Deum* recalls all the brilliance and verve of Haydn's great *Te Deum* of 1799.



**Johann Nepomuk
HUMMEL**
(1778-1837)

WORLD PREMIERE
RECORDINGS

1	Te Deum	12:01
	Missa Solemnis in C major	44:58
2	Kyrie	6:42
3	Gloria	7:32
4	Credo	10:03
5	Sanctus*	4:07
6	Benedictus	8:15
7	Agnus Dei	8:20

Patricia Wright, Soprano • Zan McKendree-Wright, Alto
Patrick Power, Tenor • David Griffiths, Bass
Donald Armstrong, Violin* • TOWER Voices New Zealand
New Zealand Symphony Orchestra • Uwe Grodd

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