

By all accounts a truly virtuoso performer known as “the Paganini of the flute”, the Italian Cesare Ciardi wrote principally for his own instrument, his works forming the basis of acclaimed concert performances that took him to many prestigious venues, including London and St Petersburg. Ciardi’s only flute concerto, the *Gran Concerto in D*, Op. 129 is a dazzling work which affords the soloist many opportunities for virtuosic display and lyrical expressiveness. The other works on this recording demonstrate not only Ciardi’s talent for creating catchy and inventive melodic lines but his great love of folk music. *L’eco dell’Arno* is a fantasia based on traditional Tuscan themes, *Le Rossignol du nord* a set of brilliant, song-like variations on a popular Russian theme, while the *Carnevale di Venezia* is based on the canzonetta *Cara mamma mia*.

Cesare CIARDI (1818-1877)

Music for Flute

Gran Concerto in D major ¹ for flute and orchestra Op. 129

- [1] Allegro non troppo 9:04
- [2] Andante sostenuto 4:41
- [3] Allegro scherzoso 6:32

(*Revision and Orchestration by R. Fabbriciani:*
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- [4] L’Eco dell’Arno ¹
Fantasia for flute and orchestra Op. 34 10:02
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- [5] Il carnevale di Venezia, Op. 22 ¹
Scherzo on the canzonetta *Cara mamma mia*
for flute and strings 7:26
(*Revision and Orchestration by R. Fabbriciani*)

- [6] Le Rossignol du Nord, Op. 45 ²
Fantaisie for flute and piano 6:08
- [7] Un sospiro del cuore ²
Elegia for flute and piano 6:00
- [8] La Smorfiosetta ²
Capriccio for flute and piano 2:56
- [9] Di Chi? ²
Polka Mazurka for flute and piano 5:28
- [10] Piccola fantasia su due Stornelli napoletani ²
for flute and piano 5:07

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