

No artist has been more alive to the enjoyment of life's pleasures than **Pierre-Auguste Renoir** (1841–1919). His paintings reflect a delight in the existence of the world and its beauty, expressed in colours drenched with light and sunshine. On this CD, the world of Renoir is given a musical perspective with a carefully chosen selection of pieces by the finest composers of his time. Inside, Hugh Griffith provides explanatory notes on his life and musical environment.

Jacques Offenbach		Maurice Ravel	
[1]	Overture to <i>La Belle Hélène</i>	5:09	Ma Mère l'oye ('Mother Goose')
Charles Gounod		[9]	Les entretiens de la belle et de la bête ('The conversations of Beauty and the Beast') 4:12
Petite Symphonie		[10]	Le jardin féerique ('The fairy garden') 3:52
[2]	Movement 1: Adagio – Allegretto	5:33	
Gabriel Fauré		Paul Dukas	
[3]	Cantique de Jean Racine	6:25	[11] Prélude élégiaque 4:30
Ernest Chausson		Jacques Ibert	
Symphony in B flat, Op. 20		[12] Scherzetto for solo harp 3:28	
[4]	Movement 1	12:38	
Claude Debussy		Philippe Gaubert	
Préludes, Book 1		[13]	Divertissement grec 4:05
[5]	Voiles	3:19	
[6]	Les Collines d'Anacapri	2:58	
[7]	La Fille aux cheveux de lin	2:13	
[8]	Danse profane	5:15	

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