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BARATI: Symphony No. 1 · Chant of Darkness



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GEORGE BARATI

(1913–1996)

Symphony No. 1

Chant of Darkness · Chant of Light

Budapest Symphony Orchestra · László Kováks
Czech Radio Symphony Orchestra · Vladimir Válek

Symphony No. 1

“Alpine Symphony” (1963) 24:56

- 1 Maestoso 10:31
- 2 Andantino tranquillo 7:38
- 3 Allegro con fuoco 6:48
- 4 Chant of Light (1994–95) 19:49
- 5 Chant of Darkness (1993) 16:54

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This collection juxtaposes a major work from Barati's maturity, the *First Symphony* of 1963, with two companion pieces from his later years. In all these works the composer's dominant musical characteristics may be heard: a vigorous working out of motivic material, rhythmic energy, and a mastery of orchestral texture. The *First Symphony* was written in 1963 during a stay in Switzerland. Set in three movements, it is packed with musical incident. The *Chant of Darkness* was composed in 1993 as an expression of the composer's grief as his daughter lay dying from cancer. The work exhibits a frightening sense of finality. The *Chant of Light* dates from 1994–5 and is cast in a simple structure, displaying Barati's love of working with small motivic cells, combined with the use of luscious orchestral colour.

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