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HERMAN BERLINSKI

(1910-2001)

Avodat Shabbat

(Friday Evening Service)

Part I. Kabbalat Shabbat

Part II. Arvit L'shabbat

Part III. Close of Service

Robert Brubaker, tenor

Constance Hauman, soprano

Elizabeth Shammash, mezzo-soprano

Ernst Senff Chor

Rundfunk-Sinfonieorchester Berlin

Gerard Schwarz, conductor

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“I don’t think I can write a piece of music, no matter what I do and what I will try, that does not have the stamp of my Jewish existence,” said Herman Berlinski during the recording session for his masterpiece *Avodat Shabbat*, one of only three complete Sabbath services ever written for soloists, chorus, and large orchestra. The eighty-nine-year-old Berlinski returned to his native Germany to attend the world-premiere recording of this major 20th-century sacred work, which he created during the course of many years in America.



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