



AMERICAN CLASSICS

Dear Mrs. Parks features a massive ensemble comprised of full orchestra plus two choirs and four vocal soloists. Influenced by blues, jazz, African music and Gospel music, it pays homage to Rosa Parks in the form of imaginary letters to the civil rights heroine. Hannibal Lokumbe's career in music spans over four decades. He is the recipient of numerous awards including a Bessie award, the NEA, and a Lifetime Achievement Award from the Detroit Symphony Orchestra. He has composed works for the Kronos Quartet, the Philadelphia, Baltimore, Cleveland, Detroit and Houston symphonies.

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Hannibal LOKUMBE

(b. 1948)

Dear Mrs. Parks (2005)

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| 1 | A Prayer for the World;
The Over Soul Sends to Us | 2:06 |
| 2 | A Prayer for the World | 4:34 |
| 3 | For We Have Walked the Streets of
Babylon, Forty Thousand Strong | 8:31 |
| 4 | In Sacrifice | 6:43 |
| 5 | For the Future | 1:06 |
| 6 | Seeds of the World | 5:52 |
| 7 | Songs from Heaven Falling | 9:26 |
| 8 | Like Luminous Rain
Upon the Daughters of Isis | 13:08 |
| 9 | Giving Their Children
the Will to Continue | 2:52 |
| 10 | Singing a Prayer for the
Souls of the World | 4:45 |

Janice Chandler-Eteme, Soprano

Jevetta Steele, Mezzo-soprano

Kevin Deas, Bass

Taylor Gardner, Child Soprano

Rackham Symphony Choir

Brazeal Dennard Chorale

Detroit Symphony Orchestra

Thomas Wilkins

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Playing
Time:
59:03

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