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Roberto
SIERRA
(b. 1953)

Cantares

- 1-4 Cantares (2015)* 23:34**
(Texts: Anonymous **1-2**,
Bernal Díaz del Castillo, c. 1495–1584 **4**)
- 5 Loíza (2014–15) 10:56**
- 6-8 Triple Concierto (2015) 27:58**

***WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING**

Trío Arbós **6-8**

Cecilia Bercovich, Violin • José Miguel Gómez, Cello
Juan Carlos Garvayo, Piano

**Cornell University Chorus
and Glee Club **1 2 4****

Robert Isaacs, Music Director **1 2 4**

Xalapa Symphony Orchestra
Lanfranco Marcelletti

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The sung texts and translations are included in the booklet and may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/559876.htm

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AMERICAN CLASSICS

Roberto Sierra's refined compositional voice is subtly combined with contemporary musical techniques and his Puerto Rican heritage in the three works recorded here. *Cantares*, commissioned by the Cornell University Chorus and Glee Club to celebrate the university's sesquicentennial anniversary, evokes ancient Peruvian, Aztec and Afro Caribbean voices lost in time. The virtuoso *Triple Concierto* transforms the popular Caribbean rhythms of salsa, bolero and merengue into complex contemporary expressions, while the polyrhythmic layers of *Loíza* conjure a Puerto Rican town known for its strong African traditions.

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