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65:43

Paul CHIHARA

(b. 1938)



AMERICAN CLASSICS

1–4	Concerto-Fantasy for Piano and Orchestra (2019–21)*	22:38
5–18	Bagatelles (Twice Seven Haiku for Piano) (2010, rev. 2011)	15:37
19–22	Four Reveries on Beethoven for piano (2021 version)	14:35
23–27	Ami for piano four hands (2008)	12:40

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

Quynh Nguyen, Piano

Rieko Aizawa, Piano 23–27

London Symphony Orchestra 1–3

Stephen Barlow 1–3

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet.

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Recipient of numerous notable awards and commissions, Paul Chihara is renowned for his film and television scores as well as for an extensive catalogue of orchestral, choral and chamber works. Composed for and in close collaboration with award-winning pianist Quynh Nguyen, recognized for her sensitive and poetic playing, the lyrical *Concerto-Fantasy* is inspired by traditional Vietnamese music, expressing a sense of longing for a peaceful past and projecting jazz-tinged possibilities for the future. From the haiku-like *Bagatelles* and the haunting intimacy of *Ami*, to the characters and inspired adaptations that emerge through the *Four Reveries on Beethoven*, Chihara's delightfully approachable piano music is full of surprises and discoveries.

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