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Following on from the monumental cycle of *24 Preludes and Fugues* [Naxos 8.554745/6], the *First Piano Sonata* and the *24 Preludes* [Naxos 8.555781], this disc features most of Shostakovich's remaining solo piano pieces – including miniatures and arrangements no less characteristic for their brevity. Unlike the explosive *First Sonata*, the *Second Piano Sonata* of 1943 is largely introspective in nature, a decidedly private response to the war years. Of the lighter pieces, *A Child's Exercise Book*, written for the composer's daughter, Galina, is presented in the order originally intended (and recorded in 1946) by Shostakovich. The four movements from the ballet *The Limpid Stream* are heard in Shostakovich's own transcription, and here receive their first recording.

Dmitry SHOSTAKOVICH

(1906-1975)

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| 1-3 | Piano Sonata No. 2 in B minor, Op. 61 (1943) | 24:08 |
| 4-6 | Three Pieces (1919-20) | 2:51 |
| 7-13 | A Child's Exercise Book, Op. 69 (1944-45) | 6:41 |
| 14 | Murzilka (undated, c. 1944-52?) | 0:49 |
| 15-19 | Five Preludes (1919-21) | 6:39 |
| 20-23 | The Limpid Stream – Ballet, Op. 39 (1934-35) | 15:51 |

Konstantin Scherbakov, Piano

A complete track list can be found on page 2 of the booklet.

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