

When Rossini drew a line under his own hugely successful operatic career at the age of 37, he spent his final years in Paris where he wrote numerous short piano pieces arranged in 14 volumes, which he jokingly called *Pêches de vieillesse* (*Sins of Old Age*): experimental trifles which blur the boundaries between the irreverent and the serious. Volume VII, 'Album de chaumi  re' (*The Cottage Album*) includes gems such as the delightful *Petite polka chinoise*, the intimate and touching *Petite valse de boudoir* and the decidedly reassuring *Pr  lude inoffensif*. The recording is rounded off with four solo piano pieces from Volume IX of the *Pêches*, whose titles, like those of the other works on this disc, are playfully deceptive. The *Melodie candide* may be ostentatiously demure, but deep-down it is shameless.



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ROSSINI
(1792-1868)

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P  ch  s de vieillesse, Volume VII:

Album de chaumi  re (complete) 1:39:20

1	No. 1. Gymnastique d'��cartement	7:18
2	No. 2. Pr��lude fugass��	5:17
3	No. 3. Petite polka chinoise	5:44
4	No. 4. Petite valse de boudoir	4:57
5	No. 5. Pr��lude inoffensif	10:18
6	No. 6. Petite valse, "L'huile de Ricin"	10:22
7	No. 7 (i). Un profond sommeil	6:20
8	No. 7 (ii). Un r��veil en sursaut	7:41

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1	No. 8. Plein chant chinois	6:02
2	No. 9. Un cauchemar	12:01
3	No. 10. Valse bouteuse	6:01
4	No. 11. Une pens��e �� Florence	10:25
5	No. 12. Marche	6:53

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P��ch��s de vieillesse, Volume IX:	
Album pour piano, violon, violoncelle, harmonium et cor (excerpts)	23:37
6	No. 1. M��lodie candide
7	No. 3. La savoie aimante
8	No. 2. Chansonnette
9	No. 5. Impromptu tarantell��

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