

Aaron Copland's suite from the ballet *Appalachian Spring* won him a Pulitzer Prize and global recognition. The famous Quaker song 'Simple Gifts' and the American ambience of this suite contrast with the more modernist *Symphonic Ode*, which conveys rugged grandeur through an uncompromising structural unity. Neglected since the late 1960s, Paul Creston's music was once amongst the most frequently performed of any American composer. His poetic *Symphony No. 3* is an orchestral *Life of Christ*, movingly expressed through themes inspired by Gregorian chant.



Aaron
COPLAND
(1900-1990)

1 Suite from 'Appalachian Spring' 24:27
2 Symphonic Ode 19:55

Paul
CRESTON
(1906-1985)

Symphony No. 3, Op. 48 'Three Mysteries' 26:06
3 I. The Nativity (Lento; Allegro moderato) 9:32
4 II. The Crucifixion (Adagio) 8:42
5 III. The Resurrection (Lento moderato; Allegro ma calmo) 7:52

David Ritt, Trombone • Raymond Davis, Cello
Susan Gulkis Assadi, Viola • Seth Krimsky, Bassoon
Charles Butler, Trumpet
Seattle Symphony • Gerard Schwarz



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