

Following successes with *The Firebird* (Naxos 8.571221) and *Petrushka* (Naxos 8.571222), Stravinsky's ballet *The Rite of Spring* was the most ambitious and controversial result of his collaboration with Sergey Dyagilev's *Ballet russes*, the première performance in 1913 leading to a riot in the theatre. *The Rite of Spring* portrays atmospheric and dramatic pagan rituals which culminate in a sacrificial dance, during which the Chosen One dances herself to death. The *Dumbarton Oaks* concerto represents Stravinsky's later neoclassical style, referring to Bach in its compact scale and transparency of language.



Igor
STRAVINSKY
(1882-1971)

The Rite of Spring – Ballet

1-6 Part I: Adoration of the Earth

36:24

16:08

7-12 Part II: The Sacrifice

20:16

Concerto in E flat: Dumbarton Oaks

14:30

13 I. Tempo giusto

4:41

14 II. Allegretto –

4:20

15 III. Con moto

5:29

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Seattle Symphony • Gerard Schwarz

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18 March 2008 (*Dumbarton Oaks*) at Benaroya Hall, Seattle, USA

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