



Idil Biret

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"As early as I can remember, I made piano transcriptions of the symphonic music I was listening to on records or on the radio. In those days I did not yet read notes and reproduced everything from memory. So, I had played the Beethoven Symphonies when I was a child and I knew them all almost by heart..."

From Idil Biret's *MEMOIRES*, Editions Buchet-Chastel – France 2006

"Brahms' *Paganini Variations* are not only of fiendish technical difficulty, but also offer considerable interpretative challenge. Idil Biret met both these demands with an almost hypnotic effect – the whole audience seemed to be breathlessly following every bar she played. It is a long time since we heard a pianist of such stunning virtuosity and sensitivity."

W. Hoffmann, *CANBERRA TIMES* – Australia 1980

"The *Hungarian Dances* are extremely demanding in their two-hand form... Biret's performances are both convincing and attractive..."

Christopher Headington, *GRAMOPHONE* – UK 1994

Johannes BRAHMS (1834-1897)

CD1	67:31	CD2	71:33
Symphony No. 3 in F major, Op. 90		Symphony No. 4 in E minor, Op. 98	
(Transcribed by Idil Biret)	45:55	(Transcribed by Idil Biret)	44:40
① Allegro con brio	15:26	① Allegro non troppo	13:58
② Andante	11:36	② Andante moderato	13:20
③ Poco Allegretto	07:28	③ Allegro giocoso	06:29
④ Allegro	11:25	④ Allegro energico e passionato	10:53
6 Hungarian Dances, WoO 1	21:36	Paganini Variations, Op. 35	20:28
⑤ No. 1 in G minor	03:12	⑤ Book I	11:03
⑥ No. 2 in D minor	03:50	⑥ Book II	09:25
⑦ No. 3 in F major	02:45		
⑧ No. 4 in F sharp minor	05:42	Encores	06:25
⑨ No. 6 in D flat major	03:50	⑦ Capriccio, Op. 76, No. 1	03:21
⑩ No. 7 in F major	02:17	⑧ Capriccio, Op. 76, No. 5	03:04

Recorded: *Symphonies Nos. 3 and 4* at concerts in Paris, 1995 and 1997;
Hungarian Dances, concert at the Lille Festival, 1993; *Paganini Variations* and encores, concert in New York, 1972.
 Producer: *Hungarian Dances*: Michel Devos • Digital re-mastering for IBA: Michel Devos • Pianos: Steinway



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