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Maurice Saylor's setting of Lewis Carroll's *The Hunting of the Snark* is written for a chorus and 'Snarkestra', Saylor's word for his quirky, misfit pit-band. This includes all manner of percussion and woodwinds, as well as such exotica as harmonica, bass accordion and washtub, instruments "reviled by society at large", in Saylor's words. To the nonsense text he brings a riot of colour and wit as well as a series of traditional devices such as refrains, sea chanties, and a chorale. The result is music of vibrancy, excitement, and even dangerous volatility. The three silent film scores are pacy, dapper and splendidly jazzy.

Maurice
SAYLOR
(b. 1957)

The Hunting of the Snark: An Agony in Eight Fits **46:11**

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| ① Fit the First: The Landing | 12:55 | ⑥ Fit the Sixth: Brief Snarkestral Outburst I | 0:18 |
| ② Fit the Second: The Bellman's Speech | 5:27 | ⑦ Fit the Seventh: Brief Snarkestral Outburst II | 0:36 |
| ③ Fit the Third: The Baker's Tale | 11:53 | ⑧ Fit the Eighth: The Vanishing | 6:56 |
| ④ Fit the Fourth: The Hunting | 2:46 | | |
| ⑤ Fit the Fifth: The Beaver's Lesson | 5:20 | <i>Ben Wallis, Bass solo</i> | |

New Music for Vintage Silent Film Comedies **27:46**

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| ⑨ Phil CARLUZZO (b. 1980): <i>Stolen Goods</i> | 9:03 |
| ⑩ Maurice SAYLOR: <i>Publicity Pays</i> | 9:54 |
| ⑪ Andrew Earle SIMPSON (b. 1967): <i>Too Many Mammals</i> | 8:49 |

Cantate Chamber Singers¹⁻⁸ • The Snark Pit-band¹⁻⁸

The Holton-Arms Lower School Chorus (Music Director: Ann Vaughn)⁵

Gisèle Becker¹⁻⁸

The Snark Ensemble⁹⁻¹¹

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Producers: Maurice Saylor (①-⑧) and Jeffery Newberger (⑨-⑪) • Session engineers: Allan Malmberg (①-⑧); and the Snark Ensemble (⑨-⑪) • Mixing and Mastering: Alan Wonneberger (①-⑪)

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