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The *Guardian* has praised Pietari Inkinen as ‘a conductor of bold, sure-footed intelligence’ and the New Zealand Symphony Orchestra as ‘a fine, responsive unit’ (Sibelius Symphonies Nos. 1 & 3, 8.572305). This third volume in Naxos’s new series presents the dramatic and highly popular *Symphony No. 2*, which emerges from the northern mists, cultivating a pastoral atmosphere along the way, to reach a grandiose, heroic finale. One of Sibelius’s best loved compositions, the *Karelia Suite* presents a series of musical tableaux based on stirring episodes from Finnish history.

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**SIBELIUS**  
(1865–1957)

<b>Symphony No. 2 in D major, Op. 43</b>	<b>44:16</b>
1 I. Allegretto	9:49
2 II. Tempo andante, ma rubato	14:16
3 III. Vivacissimo –	6:13
4 IV. Finale: Allegro moderato	13:40
<b>Karelia Suite, Op. 11</b>	<b>17:35</b>
5 I. Intermezzo	4:33
6 II. Ballade	7:56
7 III. Alla marcia	4:55



**New Zealand Symphony Orchestra**  
**Pietari Inkinen**

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