

Swiss-born Bloch, a pupil of Eugène Ysaÿe, emigrated to the United States in 1916. Written in 1926, two years after Bloch had become an American citizen, *America: An Epic Rhapsody*, is the composer's tribute to his adopted country. This romantic and patriotic score vividly surveys the history of the US from the native American melodies of pre-colonial days to the modern era of 1920s jazz and beyond. The *Concerto Grosso No. 1* is a bold statement which unites the eighteenth-century *concerto grosso* form with a modern tonal language.



Ernest
BLOCH
(1880-1959)

America: An Epic Rhapsody for Orchestra 39:29

- 1 1620: The Soil – The Indians – (England) – 15:13
- 2 The Mayflower – The Landing of the Pilgrims 12:19
- 3 1861-1865: Hours of Joy – Hours of Sorrow 11:57
- 4 1926: The Present – The Future (Anthem) * 22:28

Concerto Grosso No. 1 for Piano and String Orchestra 22:28

- 4 Prelude 2:58
- 5 Dirge 7:00
- 6 Pastorale and Rustic Dances 6:27
- 7 Fugue 6:03



Patricia Michaelian, Piano



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