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WILLIAM PERRY

(b. 1930)

Music for Great Films of the Silent Era • 2

- 1-8 Silent Film Heroines**
A Song-Suite for Mezzo-
soprano and Orchestra* 33:03
- 9 Summer Nocturne for**
Flute and Orchestra 12:02
- 10-13 Brass from the Past:**
Concerto for Ophicleide
and Orchestra* 21:47
- 14 Hearts of the World*** 12:04

Wallis Giunta, mezzo-soprano **1-8, 14**
John Brancy, baritone **14**
Timothy Hutchins, flute **9**
Nick Byrne, ophicleide **10-13**
Michael Chertock, piano/organ **1-8, 14**
RTÉ National Symphony Orchestra
(Ireland) • Paul Phillips, conductor

Composer-Producer William Perry has played a major role in the revival of interest in silent films, both through his more than one hundred silent film scores and through his Emmy Award-winning television series, *The Silent Years*, hosted by Orson Welles and Lillian Gish. A rich array of Perry's film music was presented in the critically-acclaimed Naxos recording, *Music for Great Films of the Silent Era* (8.572567). Now this companion volume offers a further view of Perry's colorful and exuberant writing, including his new *Silent Film Heroines* song-suite for mezzo-soprano and orchestra, celebrating eight of the legendary actresses of the silent cinema. Perry's supremely melodic sense of period and style captures perfectly the romance, grandeur and humor of those entertaining days when "Movies were movies!"

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