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JOHAN DE MEIJ: The Symphonies

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JOHAN DE MEIJ

(b. 1953)

CD 1

Symphony No. 1 'The Lord of the Rings'	77:01
(1984-87)	
① Gandalf (The Wizard)	42:09
② Lothlorien (The Elvenwood)	6:02
③ Gollum (Sméagol)	7:57
④ Journey in the Dark	10:13
a. The Mines of Moria	8:44
b. The Bridge of Khazad-Dûm	
⑤ Hobbits	9:13
Symphony No. 2 'The Big Apple' (1991-93)	34:52
⑥ I. Skyline –	13:32
⑦ Interlude: Times Square Cadenza –	2:12
⑧ II. Gotham	19:08
CD 2	47:35
Symphony No. 3 'Planet Earth' (2006)	47:35
① Lonely Planet	15:51
② Planet Earth	14:09
③ Mother Earth	17:35

The Peabody Conservatory Wind Ensemble Harlan D. Parker

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Award-winning conductor and composer Johan de Meij's *First Symphony 'The Lord of the Rings'* is a spectacular evocation in five portraits and scenes based on Tolkien's tale of a grand quest and the struggle of good against evil. The *Second Symphony* is an ode to the symmetry of New York's streets and its massive architecture, as well as a tribute to the American styles of Copland and Bernstein, while the cinematic effects of the *Third Symphony* form an epic paean to the entire earth in all its miraculous beauty.



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