

Volume 3 of this admired series reveals the expressive nature of both the guitar and the harmonica in works several of which embrace the principles of *Ma*, an everyday Japanese word indicating time and space. Takemitsu's contemporary arrangements of popular songs, combining virtuosity and, in the words of the composer, 'flexible spirituality', are of extraordinary originality whilst melodic inventiveness is the hallmark of Hikaru Hayashi's varied pieces. There are also examples from film scores and unusual sound explorations as in Yoshimatsu's intensely evocative and masterful *Forgetful Angel II*.

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**Toru TAKEMITSU
(1930–1996)**

1–3 Three American Song
Arrangements from *Twelve Songs* (1974–1977) 8:50

4–5 Main and Alternative* themes from the film *Hadaka no Shima (Naked Island)* (1960, arr. D. Suzuki, 2015) 8:42

6 Song Book (1985)* 8:31

7 Hamon (Ripple on the water) (1964) 3:23

Yoichi TOGAWA (b. 1959)

8 Tamayura (Fleeting Moment) (1994)* 8:40

Michio KITAZUME (b. 1948)

9 Orasho (2015)* 4:18

Jun-ichi NIHASHI (b. 1950)

10 Autumn Song (2015)* 6:44

Takashi YOSHIMATSU (b. 1953)

11–12 Forgetful Angel II, Op. 8 (1979) 11:12

13 Velvet Waltz from the suite *Tender Toys* 2:20

Minoru MIKI (1930–2011)

14 Mebae (Young Sprout) from the film *In the Realm of the Senses* (1976, arr. L. Brouwer) 3:34

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Full track details will be found in the booklet

Shin-ichi Fukuda, Guitar • Yasuo Watani, Harmonica 5–6, 8, 10–13

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