

The Estonian composer Toivo Tulev has forged a unique sound world. His music, with its almost obsessive focus on religious mysticism, can be sensual and emotional but also cerebral and technically demanding. Tulev often takes inspiration from his extensive travels, in particular from the city of Istanbul which, like his vocal music, bridges East and West. His meditation on the words of Sufi mystic Mansur Al-Hallaj, *I said, Who are You? – He said, You*, conjures up a transcendent atmosphere, while his *Magnificat* departs from the text's traditionally solemn setting with its stratospherically high string writing and wild percussion solos.

Toivo
TULEV
(b. 1958)

1	Suvine Vihm ('Summer Rain') (2006) (dedicated to Vox Clamantis)	7:14
2	Legatissimo (2011)*	10:18
3	Tanto gentile (2010) (for Kaspars Putniņš and the Latvian Radio Choir)	10:24
4	I said, Who are You? – He said, You (2007)	10:48
5	Flow, my tears (2007)* (for Paul Hillier and Ars Nova Copenhagen)	8:34
6	Magnificat (2013)*	13:24

*WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

Ka Bo Chan, Countertenor ④ • Ieva Ezeriete, Inga Martinsone, Sopranos ⑥

Virgo Veldi, Alto Saxophone ④ • Age Juurikas, Positive Organ ④

Heigo Rosin ② ⑥, Vambola Krigul ⑥, Percussion

Latvian Radio Choir ① ③ ⑤ ⑥ • Tallinn Chamber Orchestra ④ ⑥

Kaspars Putniņš ① ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥

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