

The *Eighth Book of Madrigals*, subdivided into a substantial series of vocal and instrumental partbooks, contains some of Monteverdi's greatest music. In this sumptuous collection the material is carefully arranged by category into madrigals of war, love and those for the stage, with a wide array of human passions and compositional styles. This is the first recording to present *Book Eight* in its original, uncut form, also incorporating instrumental sinfonias and dances by Biagio Marini (1594-1663) to round off Monteverdi's design. In keeping with seventeenth-century practice, the madrigals are performed entirely by male voices, including a boy soprano in the role of Cupid.

Claudio  
**MONTEVERDI**  
(1567-1643)

**Madrigals Book 8 'Madrigali guerrieri et amorosi'**

**CD 1**

- 1 Altri canti d'amor
- 6 Or ch'l ciel e la terra
- 8 Gira il nemico insidioso
- 14 Se vittorie sì belle
- 15 Armato il cor
- 16 Ogni amante è guerrier
- 20 Ardo, avvampo

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**CD 3**

- 1 Mentre vaga Angioletta
- 4 Ardo, e scoprir, ahi lasso
- 5 O sia tranquill'il mare
- 6 Ninfa che scalza il piede
- 10 Dolcissimo uscignolo
- 11 Chi vol haver felice e lieto il core
- 12 Lamento della Ninfa
- 15 Perché te'n fuggi
- 16 Non partir ritrosetta
- 17 Su, su, su pastorelli

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**CD 2**

- 1 Combattimento di Tancredi e Clorinda
- 17 Ballo delle Ninfe dell'Istro
- 25 Altri canti di Marte
- 29 Vago augelletto

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**CD 4**

- 1 Ballo delle ingrate

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The Italian sung texts and English translations can be found inside the booklet,  
and may also be accessed at [www.naxos.com/libretti/573755.htm](http://www.naxos.com/libretti/573755.htm)

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