

Many Japanese composers have shown particular affinity for the guitar, none more so than Tōru Takemitsu. In *Toward the Sea* Takemitsu expands his unique sensibility and imaginative flair for the instrument's colours and expressiveness to embrace the warmly elliptical sound of the alto flute. Ichiro Nodaïra's *Wave Recollections* evokes the earthquake and tsunami of 2011 in its exploration of the guitar's acoustic properties – the quality of mankind's relationship with nature runs as a theme through many of the evocative Japanese song arrangements in this programme. 'This is not music you'll be able to hear often – and it's unlikely that you'll hear it played more beautifully.' (*American Record Guide* on Vol. 3, 8.573595)

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Tōru TAKEMITSU (1930–1996)

1–3	Toward the Sea (1981)	10:47
4	Nami no Bon (1983, arr. Daisuke Suzuki)	5:27
5	Air for flute solo (1996)	7:10

Ichiro NODAIRA (b. 1953)

6	Wave Recollections (2011, rev. 2017) (dedicated to Shin-ichi Fukuda)*	10:49
7–9	Three Japanese Song Arrangements (2017)*	12:20

Tami NODAIRA (b. 1960)

10	Water drops (2017) (dedicated to Shin-ichi Fukuda)*	4:49
11–13	Three Japanese Song Arrangements (2017)*	11:45

* WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet

Shin-ichi Fukuda, Guitar

Shigenori Kudo, Flute 5, 7–9, 11–13, Alto flute 1–3

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