

Giya Kancheli, one of Georgia's most eminent composers, became increasingly famous after the advent of glasnost in the Soviet Union, when his works, not least his seven symphonies, were heard internationally. Around the year 2000 Kancheli shifted away from the opulence of these pieces and moved towards a more restrained, introspective vein, which is exemplified by the three works on this album. Elements of folk and traditional music can be glimpsed in the abstract *Ex contrario*, while *Middelheim* is striking for its overlapping succession of episodes. *Tsutisopeli* was Kancheli's final score.

Giya
KANCHELI
(1935–2019)

- 1 **Ex contrario** (2006) (version for two violins and string orchestra) **28:56**
2 **Middelheim** (2016/18) (version for piano trio and string orchestra) **21:24**
3 **Tsutisopeli** (2019) (version for two violins and men's choir) **12:22**

Text: Traditional Georgian

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Sing Zhao, Cello 2

Davit Gvelesiani, Vocals 3

Rustavi Ensemble 3

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Lithuanian Chamber Orchestra 1 2

Lera Auerbach, Conductor 1 2, **Sampler** 1, **Piano** 2

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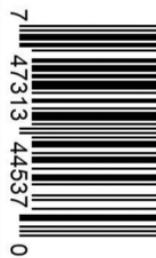
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