

Valentin Silvestrov was forced to leave his native Ukraine after the Russian invasion of 2022. His music has a prescient quality that unerringly seems to express the fate of his homeland. The intimate *Violin Concerto* and the heartfelt, single-span *Eighth Symphony* are notable for their economy of expression and emphasis on beauty, depth and harmony. This is music that hovers on the edge of silence in an uplifting homage to love and humanity, hope and renewal.



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Valentin
SILVESTROV
(b. 1937)

Violin Concerto (2016)

19:35

- 1** I. Elegie: Allegretto – Andante –
Animato – Adagio – **6:59**
- 2** II. Intermezzo: Allegro – **3:24**
- 3** III. Pastorale: Andante – **6:30**
- 4** IV. Serenade: Andantino **2:42**

Symphony No. 8 (2012–13) 34:11

- 5** I. Andantino – Adagio [alternating] –
più mosso – **4:50**
- 6** II. Moderato – Allegro –
Allegro assai – Maestoso – **5:00**
- 7** III. Intermezzo: Andantino – **2:48**
- 8** IV. Andante – Allegro assai –
Allegretto – Andante – **10:23**
- 9** V. Moderato – Allegro vivace – **5:08**
- 10** VI. [dolce, leggiero] **6:02**

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Janusz Wawrowski, Violin 1–4

Lithuanian National Symphony Orchestra
Christopher Lyndon-Gee

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