

Josef Bohuslav Foerster was a pivotal figure in Czech musical history and a lifelong friend of fellow German-speaking Bohemian, Gustav Mahler. Foerster's *Symphony No. 2*, dedicated to the memory of his sister, Marie, achieves a satisfying unity, with its sombre qualities eloquently transformed into a fervent apotheosis. *Cyrano de Bergerac* was Foerster's most successful orchestral piece and is a perfect example of his late-Romantic finesse. Conceived as an autonomous work not intended as incidental music, its 'five symphonic images' each relates to a specific place in the drama.

Josef Bohuslav
FOERSTER
(1859–1951)

Symphony No. 2 in F major, Op. 29 (1892–93)		35:44
1	I. Allegro moderato	10:56
2	II. Andante sostenuto	7:56
3	III. Allegro	5:33
4	IV. Allegro con brio	11:19
Cyrano de Bergerac, Op. 55 (1903)		31:47
5	I. Andante con moto	6:35
6	II. Andante sostenuto	3:24
7	III. Allegro – Tempo di Valse	6:01
8	IV. Allegro deciso	9:55
9	V. Andante sostenuto	5:52

Hradec Králové Philharmonic Orchestra
Marek Štilec

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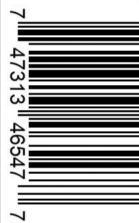
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