

A large number of saxophone concertos have been written, but only a handful are regularly performed. With these premiere recordings Olli-Pekka Tuomisalo showcases five works that, had circumstances been different, might easily have established themselves as repertoire pieces. John Beach Cragun's beautifully voiced work is the first saxophone concerto by an American and, like Yrjö Gunaropulos' concerto – which enjoyed celebrity in the 1930s – was only rediscovered in 2016. The concertos by Eilert Lindorff-Larsen and Leopold van der Pals are compact, varied and exciting, while that by Phyllis Tate is considered her first major work.

LOST SAXOPHONE CONCERTOS

John Beach CRAGUN (1885–1927)

Saxophone Concerto (1925) **16:21**

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| 1 | I. Allegro brillante | 7:19 |
| 2 | II. Romanza | 5:08 |
| 3 | III. Allegro giojoso | 3:48 |

Yrjö GUNAROPULOS (1904–1968)

Saxophone Concerto in C minor
(1935 – original version) **21:04**

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| 4 | I. Moderato | 9:03 |
| 5 | II. Poco adagio | 5:15 |
| 6 | III. Finale | 6:40 |

Eilert LINDORFF-LARSEN

(1902–1983)
Saxophone Concerto (1954) **8:46**

Leopold van der PALS (1884–1966)

Concertino (1938) **9:15**

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| 8 | I. Allegro moderato | 3:53 |
| 9 | II. Adagio | 3:14 |
| 10 | III. Allegro | 2:05 |

Phyllis TATE (1911–1987)

**Concerto for Alto Saxophone
with Strings** (1944) **23:08**

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| 11 | I. Air – Hornpipe | 7:15 |
| 12 | II. Canzonetta | 4:52 |
| 13 | III. Scherzo | 3:41 |
| 14 | IV. Alla Marcia – Tarantella | 7:13 |

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

Olli-Pekka Tuomisalo, Saxophone and his Orchestra

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