

The four works on this album by the esteemed Chinese-American composer Chen Yi are all premiere recordings, two of which – *The Soulful and the Perpetual* and *Three Bagatelles* – she has adapted specifically for violinist/violist Patrick Yim and pianist Kiu Tung Poon for this recording. Admired for bridging Eastern and Western traditions, Chen Yi draws on authentic folk music from the west of China evoking the sound of the *bawu* and *lerong* in *Three Bagatelles*. Originally composed for saxophone and piano *The Soulful and the Perpetual* is characterised by two opposing movements – the first lyrical; the second a *perpetuum mobile*. *Spring in Dresden* is a vivid and energetic work with *erhu*-inspired sliding tones, while the *Chinese Folk Dance Suite* is colourful, virtuosic and brilliantly conceived.

## CHEN YI 陳怡

(b. 1953)

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| 1   | <b>Spring in Dresden</b> 德雷斯頓之春 (2005)<br>(version for violin and piano, 2024)  | 19:53 |
| 2-3 | <b>The Soulful and the Perpetual</b> 抒情曲與無窮動 (2012)<br>(version for viola and piano, 2024)  | 9:01  |
| 4-6 | <b>Three Bagatelles from China West</b> 西南小曲三首 (2006)<br>(version for violin and piano, 2024)   | 8:21  |
| 7-9 | <b>Chinese Folk Dance Suite</b> 中國民族舞組曲 (2000)<br>(arr. Wong Tak Chiu for saxophone and piano, 2017;<br>ed. Chen Yi for violin and piano, 2018) | 16:52 |

### WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS OF ARRANGEMENTS

Patrick Yim 嚴天成, Violin 1 4-9, Viola 2 3

Kiu Tung Poon 潘曉彤, Piano

A detailed track list can be found inside the booklet.

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