

David Robert Coleman's intensely expressive music owes some of its virtuoso magic to artistic ancestors such as Alban Berg. *Zwiegespräch* has the solo viola perform an imaginary interior conversation, while the impressionistic *Ibergang* takes a klezmer-like melodic snatch on a multi-layered journey. The widely performed *Starry Night* is a set of chorale variations; *Fanfare and Palimpsest* is Coleman's reply to Ives's *Unanswered Question*, and the *Three Character Pieces* sum up an aesthetic which abhors on myriad moments, never resting for long on its laurels of beauty and subtle vehemence.

**David Robert  
COLEMAN**  
(b. 1969)

1	Zwiegespräch: Etude for solo viola	8:19
2	Ibergang: Rhapsody for clarinet and orchestra	22:52
3	Starry Night for piano, piccolo and ensemble	12:29
4	Fanfare and Palimpsest for trumpet and small ensemble	4:16
	Three Character Pieces for viola and piano	12:38
5	I. Elegie	2:26
6	II. Scherzo	3:45
7	III. Notturno Interrotto	5:26

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**David Robert Coleman, Conductor <sup>2,3</sup> • Julien Salemkour, Conductor <sup>4</sup>**

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