

Heitor Villa-Lobos was one of a number of eminent composers attracted to writing for the harmonica and his *Concerto* explores the instrument's abilities perfectly. The first movement is highly melodic while the harmonica's singing qualities are to be found in the plaintively haunting lyricism of the slow movement. The finale embodies festive romance and great virtuosity, capping one of the most exciting works in the repertoire. The sequence of arrangements and orchestrations of some of Villa-Lobos's most beautiful, moving and famous melodies includes the masterpiece *Bachianas Brasileiras No. 5*.

Heitor
VILLA-LOBOS
(1887–1959)

Works for Harmonica

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