

ALEXANDER ARUTIUNIAN

COMPLETE PIANO WORKS

Alexander Arutiunian was one of the most prominent composers in the USSR, one of the representatives of the Armenian 'Mighty Handful' and much admired by Shostakovich. An accomplished pianist, Arutiunian created virtuoso piano works that are rooted in Armenian folk traditions while expressing, in the words of Hayk Melikyan, "a rich palette of emotions reflecting both his time and the history of his nation". From the *Armenian Dance* of 1935, with its delicate, transparent texture and strong rhythmic drive, via the more dissonant, neo-classical *Polyphonic Sonata*, the descriptive *Musical Pictures*, and the almost Debussyian approach to tonality in the *Six Moods*, to the simple and beautifully crafted *Album for Children* of 2004, the works on this recording, the first complete edition, span Arutiunian's entire compositional career.



HAYK MELIKYAN

1	ARMENIAN DANCE (1935) *	02:16
2	PASTORAL (1936) *	01:59
3	THEME AND VARIATIONS (1937) *	05:48
4-6	3 PRELUDES (1938) *	04:48
7	PRELUDE-POEM (1943) *	04:42
8-10	POLYPHONIC SONATA (1946)	12:34
11	HUMORESQUE (1947) *	00:42
12-14	3 MUSICAL PICTURES (1963)	08:00
15-17	SONATINA (1967) *	04:49
18-23	6 MOODS (1976)	10:42
24-31	ALBUM FOR CHILDREN (2004)	07:23

* WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDING

TOTAL PLAYING TIME 63:44



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