



Goethe's *Faust* is one of the highest peaks of German Romantic poetry, and fascinated composers across Europe: Berlioz, Liszt and Gounod were just some of the many entranced by its visionary power. Schumann too set what he called "Scenes from Goethe's *Faust*", but he made a point of selecting excerpts rather than using a libretto, focusing more on Part 2 of the play. The result is a work of astonishing passion, which includes some of the most dramatic music Schumann ever wrote, and some of the most beautiful as well, embracing elements of oratorio, opera, song and orchestral poem. Antoni Wit's recording has been acclaimed for "tempo which flow with unforced naturalness and real excitement." (*ClassicsToday.com*)



Robert
SCHUMANN
(1810-1856)

Scenes from Goethe's Faust, WoO 3

Sorge, Engel, Magna Peccatrix Iwona Hossa (Soprano I)
 Gretchen, Una Poenitentium, Not Christiane Libor (Soprano II)
 Mulier Samaritana, Mangel Anna Lubańska (Alto I)
 Marthe, Maria Aegyptiaca, Schuld, Mater Gloriosa Ewa Marciniak (Alto II)
 Ariel, Pater Ecstasticus Daniel Kirch (Tenor)
 Faust, Doctor Marianus, Pater Seraphicus Jaakko Kortekangas (Baritone)
 Mephistopheles, Böser Geist, Pater Profundus Andrew Gangestad (Bass)

Warsaw Boys' Choir
(Choirmaster: Krzysztof Kusiel-Moroz)

Warsaw Philharmonic Choir and Orchestra
(Choirmaster: Henryk Wojnarowski)

Antoni Wit

A detailed track and artist list can be found on pages 2 and 3 of the booklet

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