

ROBERT OBOUSSIER (1900–1957)

Robert Oboussier was born in Antwerp and spent much of his youth in Germany. As a staunch opponent of National Socialism he emigrated to Zurich in 1939 where he held a number of important musical positions. However, the circumstances of his death in 1957 served to plunge his name into immediate obscurity and only now is his music being revived. This selection of mostly world premiere recordings demonstrates his personal use of twelve-tone rows, abrupt contrasts and a fondness for fantasia patterns. Oboussier's radical piano miniatures, *25 Abréviations*, are heard here in their original versions and in excerpts arranged for plucked string ensemble by Christian Wernicke.

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| 1 | ENTRADA for strings and solo trumpet (1943)
Christoph Luchsinger trumpet
Ensemble Tzara • Zoi Tsokanou conductor | 05:36 |
| 2 | INTROITUS for strings (1945–46)
Ensemble Tzara • Zoi Tsokanou conductor | 10:29 |
| 3 | SONATINA, OP. 2 for 2 violins and piano (date unknown)
Eva-Maddalena Fleszar violin I • Flurina Sarott violin II
Grzegorz Fleszar piano | 07:16 |
| 4 | FANTAISIE for piano (1948)
Tomas Bächli piano | 11:43 |
| 5 | PAVANE ET GAILLARDE for flute and piano (1948)
Aurora Pajón Fernández flute • Grzegorz Fleszar piano | 05:42 |
| 6 | SONATA BREVIS, OP. 4 for violin and piano (1923)
Eva-Maddalena Fleszar violin • Grzegorz Fleszar piano | 10:46 |
| 7–31 | 25 ABRÉVIATIONS for piano (1938)
Tomas Bächli piano | 11:59 |
| 32–41 | 25 ABRÉVIATIONS (1938) (arr. Christian Wernicke for plectrum orchestra, 2021) (excerpts)
Mandolinen-Orchester Zürich • Melina Murray conductor | 05:52 |

Playing Time: 71:38

WORLD PREMIERE RECORDINGS

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