

Bronius Kutavičius' oratorio *The Seasons* (2005–8) sets and illustrates texts from a classic Lithuanian poem by the eighteenth-century pastor-poet Kristijonas Donelaitis which describes the lives of the peasants as they toil throughout the year. Kutavičius, born in 1932, has been fascinated by Lithuania's folk-heritage throughout his long composing life, and *The Seasons* mixes musical modernism and primitivism in a powerful portrayal of the interaction of human activity and natural forces.



BRONIUS KUTAVIČIUS The Seasons

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| [1] | I | Joys of Spring (2005) | 18:27 | LIVE RECORDING OF THE |
| [2] | II | Summer Toils (2006) | 19:45 | FIRST COMPLETE PERFORMANCE, |
| [3] | III | Autumn Wealth (2007) | 21:01 | ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH, VILNIUS, |
| [4] | IV | Winter Cares (2008) | 18:48 | 13 SEPTEMBER 2012, |
| TT 78:02 | | | | IN THE PRESENCE OF THE COMPOSER |

Darius Meškauskas, reader

Vilnius Municipal Choir Jauna Muzika

St Christopher Chamber Orchestra

Donatas Katkus, conductor

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