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The English composer David Hackbridge Johnson (b. 1963) has been, until now, one of the best-kept secrets in music, building up a huge catalogue of works completely unknown even within the classical world. Learning the orchestra from the inside, as a player, he has developed a confident and powerful language inherited in part from Brian Copland, Janáček, Rubbra, Sibelius, Simpson, Tippett and other such masters, capable of bold strokes of colour and gripping dramatic gestures, often informed by a grim sense of humour, all given purpose by a masterly control of long-term symphonic tension.

DAVID HACKBRIDGE JOHNSON Orchestral Music, Volume One

**Symphony No. 9 in C sharp minor,
Op. 295 (2012)**

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| 1 | I | First movement: <i>Allegro molto</i> | 15:36 |
| | II | Second movement | 18:28 |
| 2 | | Theme: <i>Lento</i> | 1:11 |
| 3 | | Var. 1: <i>a tempo</i> | 1:24 |
| 4 | | Var. 2: <i>a tempo</i> | 0:43 |
| 5 | | Var. 3: <i>a tempo</i> | 0:55 |
| 6 | | Var. 4: <i>Andante</i> | 1:15 |
| 7 | | Var. 5: <i>Andante</i> | 1:02 |
| 8 | | Var. 6: <i>Più mosso</i> | 1:13 |
| 9 | | Var. 7: <i>L'istesso tempo</i> | 1:29 |

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| 10 | Var. 8: <i>Andante</i> | 1:31 |
| 11 | Var. 9: <i>Andante</i> | 1:11 |
| 12 | Passacaglia I: <i>a tempo</i> | 6:34 |
| | III Third movement | 15:00 |
| 13 | <i>Vivace energico</i> | 7:30 |
| 14 | Passacaglia II: <i>Andante dolente</i> | 7:30 |
| 15 | Communion Antiphon No. 14, Op. 359
(<i>'St Boniface, Whitechapel'</i>) (2016)
<i>Lento</i> | 5:33 |
| 16 | Motet No. 2, Op. 257, No. 2 (2009)
<i>Moderato</i> | 13:17 |

Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra
Paul Mann, conductor

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FIRST RECORDINGS

'This is some of the most exciting new orchestral music that has ever come my way. David writes with complete mastery and meticulous craftsmanship, and above all packs an immense emotional punch.'

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