

## MANUEL BLANCAFORT

Piano Works  
A complete chronological  
edition of the piano repertoire  
Miquel Vallalba, piano

**CDs in brief****Blancafort Piano Works**

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Miquel Vallalba's chronological survey of Catalan composer Manuel Blancafort's complete piano music is turning out to be one of the highlights of Naxos's vast piano catalogue. Volume three features music from the 1920s when Blancafort first came under the influence of the French and Spanish impressionists, notably Debussy and Falla. It was also at that time that the doyen of Spanish pianists, Ricardo Viñes, began playing Blancafort's music to considerable acclaim, giving the world premieres of two of the collections on this outstanding disc: *Camins* ('Roads') – a Catalanesque *Estampes* – and the Chabrier-cum-Debussy-inspired *En parc d'atraccions* ('Fun fair'). Vallalba lavishes the kind of tonal finesse and phrasal sensitivity on these captivating miniatures that is normally reserved for core repertoire, relishing their intoxicating, deeply sensual soundworld to hypnotic effect.