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SUNLEIF RASMUSSEN

SYMPHONY NO. 2

'THE EARTH ANEW'

CYNDIA SIEDEN, SOPRANO | BO SKOVHUS, BARITONE

AKADEMISKA SÅNGFÖRENINGEN (THE ACADEMIC MALE VOICE CHOIR OF HELSINKI)

MUNTRA MUSIKANTER (MALE VOICE CHOIR 'MERRY MUSICIANS')

HELSINKI PHILHARMONIC ORCHESTRA | JOHN STORGÅRDS, CONDUCTOR

The second symphony of the prize-winning Faroese composer **Sunleif Rasmussen** (b. 1961) is composed as a life cycle based on the Old Norse myth of the tree of life, Yggdrasil, and carries the title 'The Earth Anew'. Inspired by natural phenomena and Faroese melodies, Rasmussen is a great believer in a shared Nordic identity, and this world premiere recording bears witness to his strong artistic partnership with Finnish conductor **John Storgårds** and the **Helsinki Philharmonic Orchestra**.

Symphony No. 2 'The Earth Anew' (2015)

for solo soprano and baritone, male choir and large orchestra

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| 1 | I. Andantino espressivo e agitato | 12:51 |
| 2 | II. Lugubre e molto espressivo | 10:11 |
| 3 | III. Scherzo impromptu | 9:26 |
| 4 | IV. Maestoso furioso – Tranquillo e dolce | 20:34 |

Total: 53:02

World premiere recording