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This new recording of the 1967 edition of *The Rite of Spring*, a major landmark of twentieth century music, is released in celebration of the 125th anniversary of the birth of Stravinsky. The *Violin Concerto* is widely considered to be Stravinsky's most perfect orchestral work. The *Symphonies of Wind Instruments* is now seen as a shorter companion opus for *The Rite of Spring*. It is, in any case, the last of his pre-neoclassic creations. Dedicated to Claude Debussy, *Zvezdolikiy* ('The Star-Faced One') for unaccompanied male chorus and orchestra is unique in Stravinsky's music for its uncontrasted slow tempo and the absence of a motoric rhythm. The second half is written in homage to the French composer and includes actual imitations of his melodic rhythmic and instrumental styles.

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Igor
STRAVINSKY
(1882–1971)

125th Anniversary Album

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| ①–④ | Violin Concerto (1931) | 21:22 |
| ⑤ | Zvezdolikiy: Cantata for Male Chorus & Orchestra | 4:26 |
| ⑥ | Symphonies of Wind Instruments (1920) | 7:54 |
| ⑦–②① | The Rite of Spring (1911–1913; 1947/1967) | 33:41 |

Jennifer Frautschi, Violin ^{1–4}
Twentieth Century Classics Ensemble ⁶
Orchestra of St Luke's and Gregg Smith Singers ⁵
Philharmonia Orchestra ^{1–4, 7–20}

Robert Craft

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