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Maurice Duruflé was a highly self-critical composer whose musical language can be viewed as a synthesis of the impressionist tradition of Debussy and Ravel and the modal, Gregorian-inspired style of Fauré. Although his best-known work is the *Requiem*, his distinctive and powerful organ music continues the French tradition of organ-playing and composition. The *Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie* demonstrates Duruflé's mastery in capturing the shape and colour of plainsong. With its perfect architectural balance and proportions, the *Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain* written in memory of Duruflé's colleague Jehan Alain, killed in action in 1940, has become one of Duruflé's most popular organ works.

Maurice DURUFLÉ

(1902-1986)

Complete Organ Music

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| 1 | Fugue sur le thème du Carillon des Heures de la Cathédrale de Soissons, Op. 12 | 3:30 | 6 | Scherzo, Op. 2 | 6:01 |
| 2 | Prélude | 8:02 | 7 | Prélude et Fugue sur le nom d'Alain, Op. 7 | 12:35 |
| 3 | Adagio | 6:16 | 8 | Prélude | 6:38 |
| 4 | Choral Varié | 5:51 | 9 | Fugue | 5:57 |
| 5 | Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie, Op. 13 | 2:15 | 10 | Méditation, Op. posth. | 3:43 |
| | | | 11 | Hommage à Jean Gallon | 1:54 |
| | | | 12 | Suite, Op. 5 | 23:14 |
| | | | 13 | Prélude | 8:08 |
| | | | | Sicilienne | 6:57 |
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Henry Fairs, Organ

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