

Komei Abe was one of the finest pupils trained at the Tokyo Music School (now the Tokyo University of Fine Arts and Music) in the 1930s. His musical language is characterized by crisp melodies, structural clarity and, in the composer's own words, 'rhythmic ostinato by the steam locomotive'. Written during his 'vintage years' of the 1950s, the *Symphony No. 1* and the *Sinfonietta* are scored for a large orchestra, including a wide variety of percussion.

Komei ABE

(1911-2006)

Symphony No. 1 (1957)[†]	18:54
① Allegro con brio	6:11
② Adagietto	6:04
③ Vivace assai	6:39
Divertimento for Alto Saxophone and Orchestra (1951)*[†]	19:58
④ Andante sostenuto	9:19
⑤ Adagietto	4:26
⑥ Allegro	6:13
Sinfonietta (1964)	25:43
⑦ Allegro con brio	6:49
⑧ Moderato	7:20
⑨ Scherzo: Andante-Presto	5:58
⑩ Finale: Allegro assai	5:35

[†] **World Première Recording**

Aleksey Volkov, Alto Saxophone*

Russian Philharmonic Orchestra • Dmitry Yablonsky

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