



## AMERICAN CLASSICS

George Crumb's reputation as a composer of hauntingly beautiful scores has made him one of the most frequently performed composers today. He has won numerous awards and prizes, including the Pulitzer, and a 2004 Musical America 'Composer of the Year' laurel. *Vox Balaenae* (Voice of the Whale) is scored for amplified flute, cello and piano, and was inspired by a tape recording of whale songs that the composer had heard. *Federico's Little Songs for Children* originated in Lorca's *Canciones para niños*, and employs all four members of the flute family, performed by the celebrated Canadian flutist Robert Aitken.

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# George CRUMB

(b. 1929)

- 1** Vox Balaenae (1971)  
for Three Masked Players 18:50

Robert Aitken, Amplified Flute  
David Hetherington, Amplified Cello  
David Swan, Amplified Piano

- 2-8** Federico's Little Songs  
for Children (1986) 13:24

Teri Dunn, Soprano • Robert Aitken, Flutes  
Erica Goodman, Harp

- 9** An Idyll for the Misbegotten  
(Images III) (1986) 9:51

Robert Aitken, Amplified Flute  
Trevor Tureski, Rick Sacks, Ryan Scott, Percussion

- 10** Eleven Echoes of Autumn  
(Echoes I) (1965) 17:36

Fujiko Imajishi, Violin • Robert Aitken, Alto Flute  
Joaquin Valdepeñas, Clarinet • David Swan, Piano

## New Music Concerts Ensemble Robert Aitken, Director

A full track list can be found on the last page of the booklet.  
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and Performing Arts Centre, The Country Day School,  
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