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Louis Moreau
GOTTSCHALK
(1829–1869)

Complete Works for Orchestra

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10 La Casa del Joven Enrique por Méhul – Gran overture, RO54b **11:07**
11-12 Symphonie romantique, 'A Night in the Tropics', RO255 **16:14**

Michael Gurt, piano^{3,8} • Melissa Barrick, soprano⁹
 Anna Noggle, soprano; Darryl Taylor, tenor; Richard Ziebarth, bass-baritone⁴⁻⁷

John Contiguglia, Richard Contiguglia, Angela Draghicescu, Chin-Ming Lin, Joshua Pepper, pianos¹⁰
 Hot Springs Festival Symphony Orchestra
 Richard Rosenberg

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A child prodigy pianist who was touring Europe as a virtuoso concert soloist while still a teenager, Louis Moreau Gottschalk provides one of the most colorful chapters in the history of American music. Dubbed 'the Chopin of the Creoles', he was, above all, the first to capture the syncopated music of South Louisiana and the Caribbean in enduring works that anticipate ragtime and jazz by half a century. His orchestral works show a composer of considerable skill who could create memorable and catchy tunes. Included in this disc of the complete surviving orchestral music are several works recorded for the first time in the composer's original version (please see page 2 of the booklet for details), as well as the world première recording of *La Casa del Joven Enrique*.

Includes sung texts & translations for *Escenas Campestres Cubanas*, which may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/559320.htm

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