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Bernard HERRMANN (1911 - 1975)

1-**13** Whitman (radio play by Norman Corwin) (1944, reconstructed by Christopher Husted 2019)* 31:05 Stranger, Cynic, Radio Voice Murray Horwitz Child Annasophia Nicely **14–16** Souvenirs de voyage (1967) 24:34 **17** Psycho: A Narrative for String Orchestra (1968, reconstructed by John Mauceri 1999) 15:49

David Jones, Clarinet 14-16 Netanel Draiblate, Eva Cappelletti Chao, Violin 14-16 Philippe Chao, Viola 14-16 Benjamin Capps, Cello 14-16 PostClassical Ensemble 11-13 17 Angel Gil-Ordóñez 1-13 17

***WORLD PREMIERE RECORDING**

A detailed track list and recording and publishers' details can be found inside the booklet. The narrated texts for Whitman are included in the booklet, and may also be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/559883.htm **Producer: Joseph Horowitz** Engineer and editor: Bill Siegmund (Digital Island Studios NYC) Booklet notes: Joseph Horowitz, Dan Gediman Support for this release was furnished by the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, the National Endowment for the Arts, John Waxman and Christopher Husted, Whitman was recorded with permission from the Norman Corwin Estate. Cover photo: Whitman at about fifty (c. 1869) by G. Frank E. Pearsall (1841-1927)



AMERICAN CLASSICS

Bernard Herrmann was famous for his film scores, but he was also a leading figure in music for radio, to which he brought his inimitable palette of mood and sonority. Whitman, whose subject is Walt Whitman's collection of poems Leaves of Grass, was a 1944 radio drama, a genre now much neglected but revived in this newly restored version. Psycho: A Narrative for String Orchestra is not a suite or excerpts from the film but a concert work, re-ordered and re-composed, while Souvenirs de voyage is one of the most polished and seductive of all American chamber works.



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