The piano music of Manos Hadiidakis, best known outside Greece for his popular song Never on Sunday, is as unique as the myriad influences which nourish it, reflecting the wide-ranging interests of this popular Greek composer. The suite For A White Little Seashell comprises five preludes followed by traditional Greek dances, while the Six Popular Pictures are arrangements of rebetika songs that share a feeling of nostalgia. The intimate and playful character of his *Ionian Suite* complements the solemn dignity of *Rhythmology*, whose unusual rhythms derive from traditional melodic patterns. Trained at the Juilliard School, awardwinning Greek virtuoso Danae Kara here makes her Naxos début.

## Manos **HADJIDAKIS** (1925-1994)

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(1949-50)18:04

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