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MAYR: Jacob

Labano fugiens

Bavarian-born Simon Mayr spent much of his life in Italy where he promoted Viennese classical composition but also absorbed much from his studies in Bergamo and Venice. Though he was one of the most admired operatic composers of his day – he taught Donizetti, who revered him – he was particularly noted for his sacred oratorios. *Jacob's Flight from Laban* is marked by his characteristically vibrant musical palette, with important writing for wind instruments, operatically-based arias and confidently-handled ensembles and choruses. Franz Hauk is Mayr's leading interpreter and acclaimed for his many recordings. 'The music, performances, and recording are all first rate; unconditionally recommended.' (*Fanfare* on *Il sagrifizio di Jefte* / Naxos 8.572719-20)



Simon MAYR (1763–1845)

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Jacob a Labano fugiens (Jacob's Flight from Laban) (Oratorio)

Laban ... Siri Karoline Thornhill, Soprano
Leah ... Andrea Lauren Brown, Soprano
Rachel ... Gunhild Lang-Alsvik, Soprano
Jacob ... Julie Comparini, Mezzo-soprano
Shepherd ... Katharina Ruckgaber, Soprano

Simon Mayr Chorus and Ensemble Concert-master: Theona Gubba-Chkheidze Franz Hauk

WORLD PREMIÈRE RECORDING
A detailed track list will be found in the booklet

The Latin libretto and the English and German translations may be accessed at www.naxos.com/libretti/573237.htm

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Playing Time 78:47

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