This program includes some of the least known masterpieces from Ernest Bloch's nearly 30 works for orchestra, Macheth: Two Symphonic Interludes is an intoxicating and passionate distillation of Shakespeare's powerful drama. In Memoriam is a brief elegy dedicated to the pianist Ada Clement, while the Three Jewish Poems were written when Bloch was mourning the death of his father. Originally conceived as a third concerto grosso, Bloch's last Symphony, in E flat major, is an at times emotionally turbulent and deeply spiritual work containing passages of harmonic acerbity.

## **Ernest BLOCH** (1880-1959)

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