In addition to his operatic achievements, Franco Alfano composed an impressive body of chamber and instrumental works, including the little-known music for piano heard on this recording. His early career as a virtuoso pianist is reflected in works ranging from the *Quatre Pièces*, with their tributes to Schumann and Mendelssohn, to the *Danses napolitaines*, inspired by the Neapolitan *canzone*, the neo-classicism of the *Cinq Danses de Cléo de Mérode* and the quirky rhythms of the *Danses roumaines*. Recordings of Alfano's chamber music can be heard on Naxos 8.570928 and 8.572753. His opera *Cyrano de Bergerac*, with Plácido Domingo in the title rôle, is available on Naxos DVD 2.110270 and Blu-ray NBD0005.

## Franco ALFANO

(1875–1954)

## PIANO WORKS

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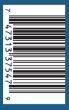


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