

MILI ALEKSEYEVICH BALAKIREV (1837–1910)

COMPLETE WORKS FOR SOLO PIANO

6 CDs

Mili Balakirev remains one of the most atmospheric and significant of all Russian composers for the piano. From the Slavic allure of his *Mazurkas*, through the visionary *Second Nocturne* and monumental *Sonata in B flat minor*, to his joyous Spanish-infused pieces, he marries expressive depth with virtuoso panache. Hailed as 'one of Britain's best pianists' by *The Spectator*, Nicholas Walker has returned to Balakirev's original manuscripts for these performances and unearthed many new discoveries. This collection brings together Walker's complete set of Balakirev's piano works in a cycle that has been hailed as 'the reference set' by the *American Record Guide*.

- CD 1 PIANO SONATAS
- CD 2 WALTZES, NOCTURNES AND OTHER WORKS
- CD 3 MAZURKAS AND OTHER WORKS
- CD 4 SCHERZI AND OTHER WORKS
- CD 5 ORIGINAL WORKS AND TRANSCRIPTIONS
- CD 6 ISLAMEY AND BEYOND



NICHOLAS WALKER

'The fireworks that Nicholas Walker set off here are fun and provide the perfect introduction to the popular power of the "neo Russian school".'

– *Spiegel Online*

'Nicholas Walker's dedication to the cause and determination to see it through demands both our admiration and respect. It is a tremendous achievement.'

– *Gramophone*



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