

Proms CDs on Warner Classics Released 4 July 2005

Warner Classics releases five new BBC Proms CDs, recorded live at the 2004 BBC Proms season. Featuring artists including Leonard Slatkin, Jiří Bělohlávek, Sir Thomas Allen, Michael Collins, John Tomlinson and Jeanne-Michèle Charbonnet, these recordings capture the range, richness and vitality of the BBC Proms.

The recordings incorporate themes from the 2004 BBC Proms: East/West is celebrated with music from John Corigliano, Zhou Long and Kaija Saariaho, and Back To Bohemia with recordings from Janáček and Martinů, including performances from the Prague Philharmonia and the Czech Philharmonic Chorus. Also featured are classic symphonies, opera and, of course, the Last Night of the Proms.

Each CD has a fully annotated booklet.

- Kaija Saariaho: Orion (UK première)
 BBC Symphony Orchestra, Jukka-Pekka Saraste
 Zhou Long: The Immortal (World première)
 John Corigliano: Concerto for Clarinet and Orchestra (London première)
 Michael Collins, clarinet
 BBC Symphony Orchestra, Leonard Slatkin
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- Martinů: The Frescoes of Piero della Francesca;

BBC Symphony Orchestra, Sir Andrew Davis Double Concerto for Two String Orchestras, Piano and Timbani;

Marcel Javorček, piano, Ivan Hoznedr, timpani Prague Philharmonia, Jiří Bělohlávek Janáček: Hukvaldy Songs;

Czech Philharmonic Choir of Brno, London Philharmonic Orchestra, Petr Fiala Our Father;

Thomas Walker, tenor, Sioned Williams, harp, Thomas Trotter, organ.
BBC Symphony Chorus, Stephen Jackson
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• Modest Musorgsky: Pictures at an Exhibition (various orchestrations) BBC Symphony Orchestra & Chorus, Leonard Slatkin

Ottorino Respighi: The Pines of Rome BBC National Orchestra of Wales, Tadaaki Otaka 2564 61954-2

Béla Bartók: Duke Bluebeard's Castle
John Tomlinson, Jeanne-Michèle Charbonnet,
Mátyás Sárközi
BBC Symphony Orchestra, Jukka-Pekka Saraste
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Last Night of The Proms 2004

Dvořák Carnival overture (Op 92); Strauss Horn Concerto No. I (Op II) in E flat major²; Vaughan Williams Five Mystical songs for baritone*, chorus and orchestra; Barber Toccata festiva for organ and orchestra¹ (Op 36); Maxwell Davies Ojai Festival Overture; Puccini Madama Butterfly – Humming chorus; Rodgers Oklahoma! – Oh, what a beautiful mornin**; Porter Kiss me, Kate – Where is the life that late I led?*; Sullivan The Mikado – I've got a little list*; Sousa The Liberty Bell – march; Elgar Pomp and Circumstance March No. I; Wood Fantasia on British Sea-Songs; Parry orch. Elgar Jerusalem; The National Anthem

Performers: Sir Thomas Allen (baritone)*, Simon Preston (organ)¹, David Pyatt (horn)²; BBC Singers; BBC Symphony Chorus; BBC Symphony Orchestra/Leonard Slatkin **2564 61956-2**