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CÉSAR FRANCK

## Preludes, Fugues & Chorales

Nikolai Lugansky

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Given the paucity of César Franck's piano music on disc, Nikolai Lugansky's focus on this composer is to be commended. In his third release for harmonia mundi, the Russian pianist reveals an organ master strongly attached to the musical forms inherited from J.S. Bach: the prelude, the fugue, and the chorale. Translated to the piano keyboard, Franck's music, with its expansively conceived structures, requires a completely fresh approach that puts the greatest performers to the test: here, Lugansky took on an additional challenge by preparing his own transcription (a brilliant one, at that!) of Franck's celebrated *Choral pour grand orgue n°2*.



### Artists

- Nikolai Lugansky  
Piano

### Composers

- César Franck

### Contents

CÉSAR FRANCK [1822-1890]

#### **Prélude, Choral et Fugue**, FWV 21

- Prélude. Moderato (4'48)
- Choral. Poco più lento - Poco Allegro (6'30)
- Fugue. Tempo I° (7'29)

#### **Prélude, Aria et Final**, FWV 23

- Prélude. Allegro moderato e maestoso (9'16)
- Aria. Lento (5'54)
- Final. Allegro molto ed agitato (7'04)

#### **Prélude, Fugue et Variation**, Op.18

- I. Andantino. II. Lento (arr. pour piano)(4'16)
- III. Allegretto ma non troppo (arr. pour piano)(3'14)
- IV. Andantino (arr. pour piano)(3'47)
- **Choral**, FWV 39

B minor / *si mineur* / h-Moll

Maestoso. Largamente con fantasia. I° tempo ma un poco meno lento (Arr. pour piano)(14'11)

