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MAURICE RAVEL

Daphnis & Chloé

Les Siècles, François-Xavier Roth

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The arrival of an orchestra like Les Siècles on the harmonia mundi label is entirely logical: ever since it was founded by François-Xavier Roth in 2003, its musicians (mostly belonging to the new generation) have succeeded in placing several centuries of musical creation in perspective by playing the works they tackle on precisely the instruments used at the time of their premiere – without the slightest concession. The result is quite simple dazzling: never, since it was first heard, has Daphnis et Chloé displayed such a shimmering sound, revealing an infinity of details without ever losing sight of the subtle beauty of the most French of the great ‘Ballets Russes’.

‘At this moment in the history of music, Ravel raised the French “Impressionist” orchestral style to a sort of apogee – in a sense it is the last great comédie-ballet in the history of French music’(François-Xavier Roth).



Artists

- Les Siècles
Symphony Orchestra
- François-Xavier Roth
Conductor
- Ensemble Aedes
Chorus
- Marion Ralincourt
Flute

Composers

- Maurice Ravel

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MAURICE RAVEL [1875-1937]

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